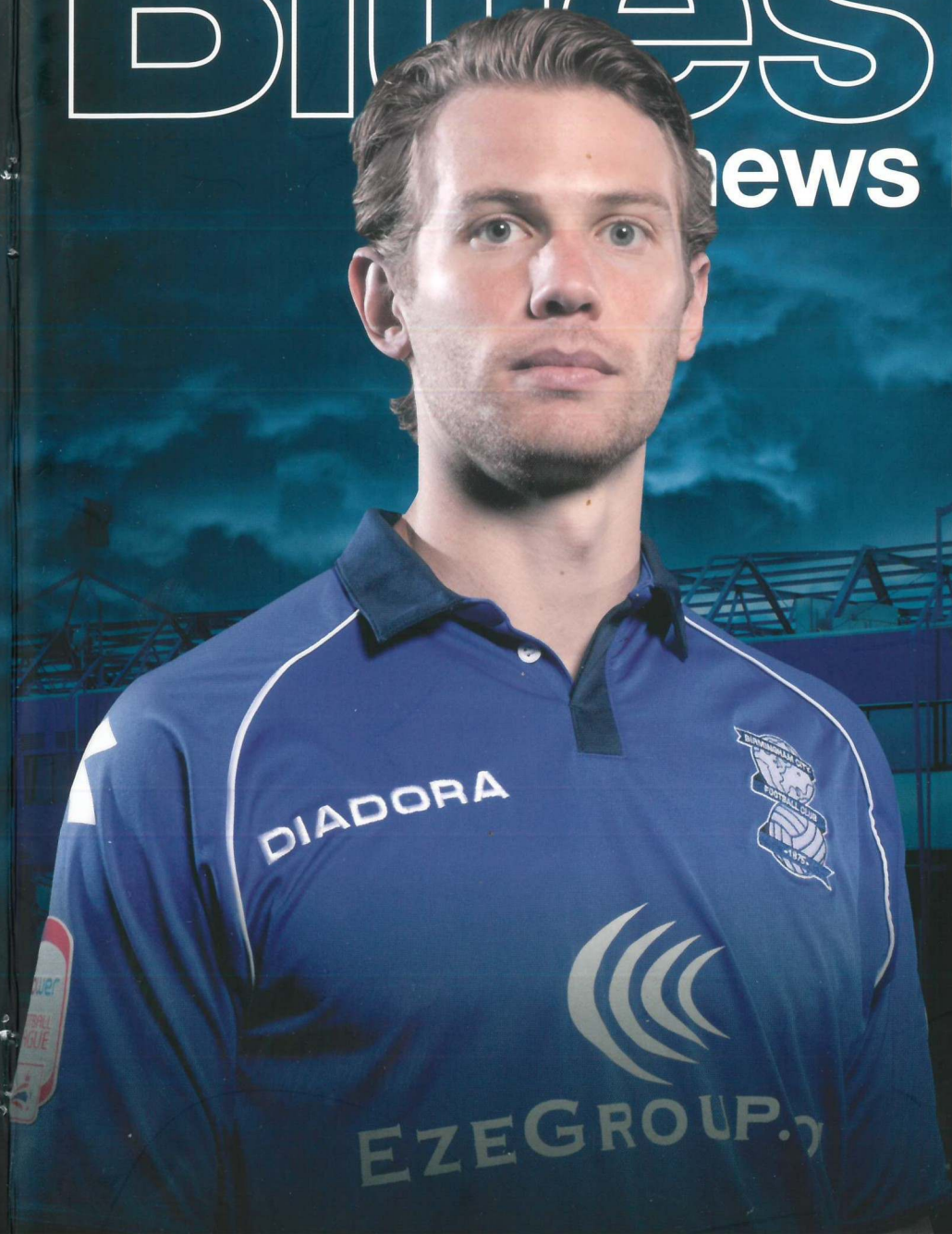


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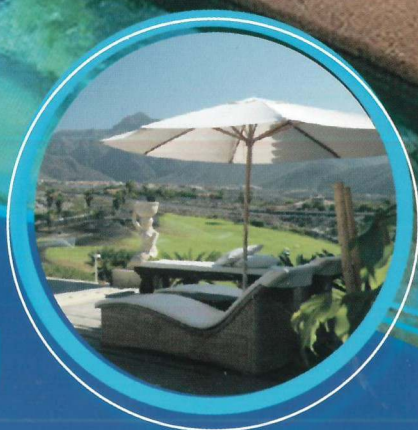
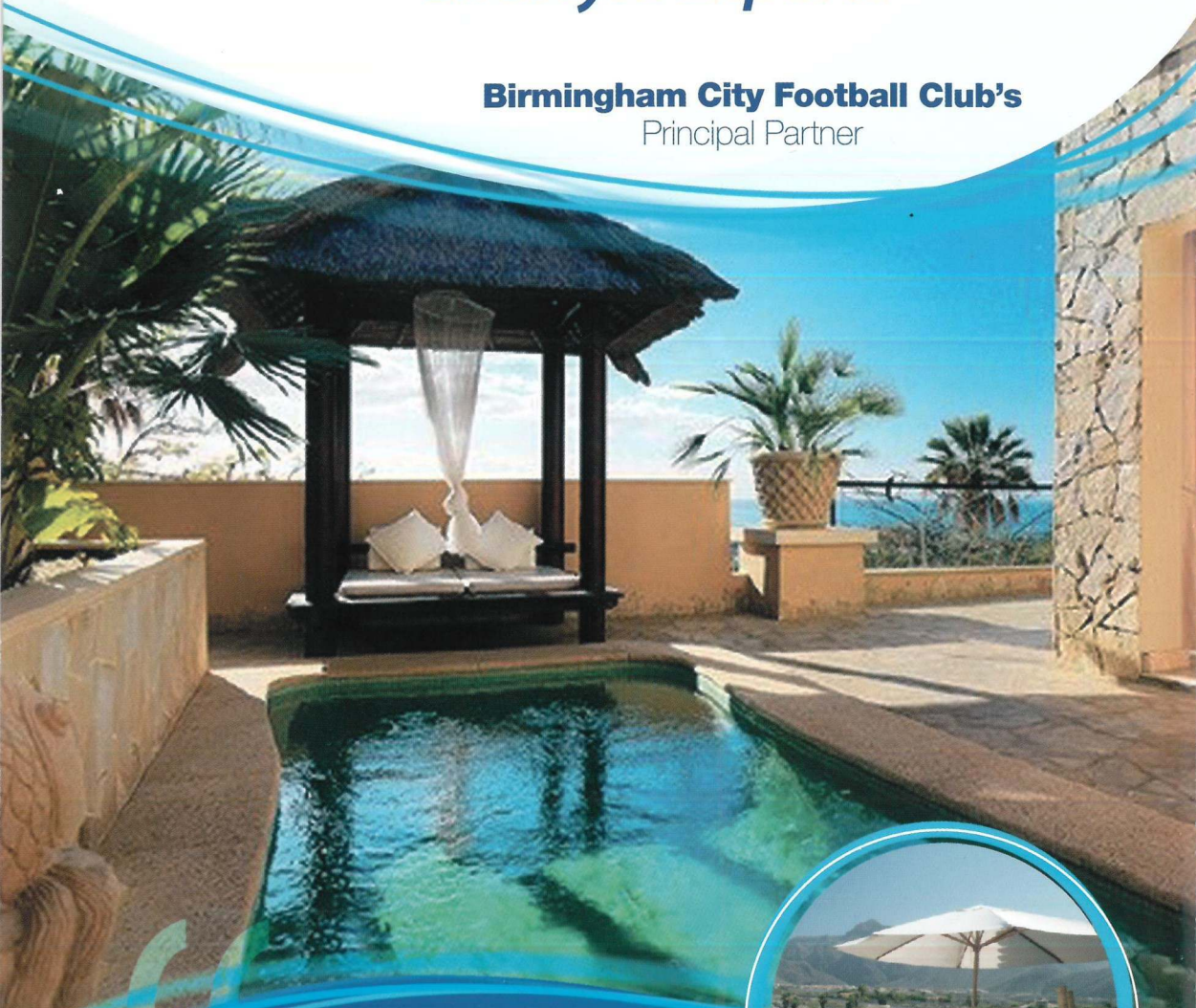
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LEE CLARK

FIRST TEAM MANAGER

Welcome to St. Andrew's for the first of two home matches in the space of four days.

Although we had to settle for a draw against Nottingham Forest on Saturday, I feel we can take a lot of confidence and belief from that game going into tonight's fixture against Bolton.

Against an unbeaten Forest side, we executed our gameplan very well and probably gave them their toughest test of the season so far. We worked

extremely hard off the ball to nullify their threats and we played lots of good stuff ourselves and created numerous chances.

The pleasing thing was that we gave the strikers a lot more quality and quicker service than we had in previous games, which allowed them to have more opportunities on goal. That was something that we'd worked really hard on in the week leading up to the game.

After scoring two terrific goals through Hayden Mullins and Marlon King we became a bit nervy and dropped too deep which allowed Forest to take the initiative and get back into it. You are naturally disappointed to let a two-goal lead slip with three quarters of the game played, but Forest are undoubtedly a very good attacking team under Sean O'Driscoll.

Saturday's game also gave us the opportunity to see Leroy Lita in action for the first time. Leroy is not 100 per cent match fit yet, but I think he showed everyone that he's going to be good for us. I know Marlon has enjoyed working alongside him and they looked like they linked up very well and were a threat all afternoon.

With Peter Lovenkrands and Nikola Zigic also available to play up front we have good depth in that area.

On another positive note it was very pleasing to see Keith Fahey back in action after several months on the sidelines. I've been on record as saying that for me it's like going into the transfer market and spending a few million quid on a player because that's how highly I rate him. Since he's trained with the group he's looked top class so it was a positive that he got some minutes on the pitch. That can only be a boost for the group because we're getting a quality performer back.

This evening we welcome Owen Coyle and his Bolton side to Birmingham. With the quality they have got I am sure they will be up there challenging at the end of the season. But I think Owen and his team will be very respectful of us and they will see the quality we also possess. Tonight has got the makings of a good game. We know they'll make it tough but we'll certainly look to get maximum points from this and our next home game at the weekend.

Enjoy the match.





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Second tier play-off winners: 2002
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Third tier runners-up: 1992

Football League (South) winners: 1946
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League Cup runners-up: 2001
Inter-Cities Fairs Cup runners-up: 1960, 1961
Autowindscreens Shield winners: 1995
Leyland Daf Cup winners: 1991
FA Youth Cup runners-up: 1967

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Turned Professional: 1885
Limited Company: 1888
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Founder Members of Division Two: 1892/93
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Record Victory: 12-0 v Walsall T Swifts, Division Two, 1892/93 and 12-0 v Doncaster Rovers, Division Two, 1902/03.
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LAST FIVE RESULTS



LOST 2-3

Sheffield Wednesday (a)

npower Championship 21/08/12

LOST 0-2

Watford (a)

npower Championship 25/08/12

LOST 2-3

Coventry City (a)

Capital One Cup 1 28/08/12

WON 1-0

Peterborough United (h)

npower Championship 01/09/12

DREW 2-2

Nottingham Forest (a)

npower Championship 15/09/12

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WON 2-0

Derby County (h)

npower Championship 21/08/12

DREW 2-2

Nottingham Forest(h)

npower Championship 24/08/12

LOST 1-2

Crawley Town (a)

Capital One Cup 1 28/08/12

LOST 1-3

Hull City (a)

npower Championship 01/09/12

WON 2-1

Watford (h)

npower Championship 15/09/12

SETTING THE SCENE

LAST MEETING



Craig Gardner celebrates his goal which sealed the points in Bolton's last visit to B9.

Birmingham City and Bolton last met in a Barclays Premier League fixture 18 months ago at St. Andrew's. The two clubs had clashed just three weeks

earlier at the same venue in an FA Cup quarter-final tie when The Trotters booked a place at Wembley courtesy of a 3-2 win. But it wasn't just revenge that the Carling Cup winners were after in the early April rematch - it was a crucial three points to aid their increasingly desperate struggle to avoid relegation.

Blues looked set fair for success courtesy of goals from Kevin Phillips and Craig Gardner in a game that they bossed for long periods. But Johan Elmander reduced the deficit with 19

minutes to play and the hosts were then indebted to the heroics of Ben Foster for eking out a 2-1 win. The England international walked away with the man-of-the-match champagne on the eve of his 28th birthday after pulling off several outstanding saves, notably an injury-time stop to keep out Gary Cahill's bullet header. Blues leapt five places up the Premier League table but sadly the joy was short-lived as Alex McLeish's men picked up just five points from the next possible 24 to condemn the club to second-tier football.

WADE'S DERBY DELIGHT

Wade Elliott will have fond memories of his last appearance against tonight's opponents in a League Cup third round tie back in September 2010. The Blues midfielder bagged the winner for Burnley in the hostile atmosphere of a Lancashire derby. There is little love lost between the two clubs but this occasion was all the more confrontational as former Clarets boss Owen Coyle returned to

Turf Moor for the first time since he had departed for the Reebok. Elliott sent the home fans into raptures on the stroke of half-time as his acrobatic volley was ruled to have crossed the line, despite Adam Bogdan's attempts to punch the ball out, for what proved to be the only goal of the game. Darren Ambrose has also notched against The Trotters but his goal for Newcastle in a Premier League clash



Wade Elliott scores the cup clincher against Wanderers two years ago.

in December 2004 was a mere consolation as Bolton triumphed 2-1.



Nathan Redmond takes on Paul Robinson in the 2011 cup-tie.

TROTTERS CONNECTIONS

Nathan Redmond made only his third Blues appearance in the aforementioned cup-tie back in March 2011. The teenager played for over an hour after replacing the injured Barry Ferguson and produced an exhilarating performance that belied his tender years - the winger had turned 17 less than a week earlier. Blues' summer signing

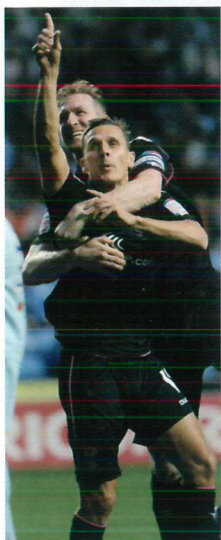
Hayden Mullins was two years older when he made his Football League debut for Crystal Palace against this evening's visitors in August 1998 in a Division One match that finished 2-2. Finally, Blues' first team coach Derek Fazackerley has previously given service to tonight's opponents as part of the Bolton backroom team.

MATCH ACTION

COVENTRY CITY 3 BLUES 2



Capital One Cup Round 2 | Tuesday 28 August 2012 | Ricoh Arena



BLUES WENT OUT OF THE CAPITAL ONE CUP AT THE SECOND ROUND STAGE AFTER AN EXTRA-TIME DEFEAT TO MIDLANDS NEIGHBOURS COVENTRY CITY.

Peter Lovenkrands' opener was cancelled out by Cody McDonald and Kevin Kilbane subsequently turned the tie on its head during a dramatic opening period. Jonathan Spector restored parity before the interval with his first goal for the club. There were no further goals in the second half before Carl Baker notched the winner for the hosts seven minutes into the additional 30.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

BIRMINGHAM
Mail

"Birmingham City's miserable recent run continued as they were knocked out of the Capital One Cup by local rivals Coventry in extra-time. Carl Baker's 97th minute winner sealed a 3-2 win for the League One side as almost 4,000 Bluenoses left the Ricoh Arena disgruntled and disappointed with the performance of Lee Clark's side."

Coventry Telegraph

"Richard Shaw staked an impressive early claim for the full-time manager's job after the Sky Blues pulled off an unlikely Capital One Cup victory over neighbours Birmingham City. A full-strength Blues side looked ready to steamroller their way through to the third round of the competition with an early goal, but an heroic fight-back meant the caretaker boss earned plenty of credit as he bids to get the position on a permanent basis at the Ricoh Arena."



MATCH STATS

COVENTRY

52%

14

5

4

17

POSSESSION

SHOTS

ON TARGET

CORNERS

FOULS

BLUES

48%

16

10

10

12

LINE-UPS

COVENTRY:

4-1-2-1-2



COVENTRY SUBS:

Christie > Willis 65, McSheffrey > Barton 80, Ball > McDonald 90+1

Subs (not used): Dunn, Malaga, O'Donovan, Daniels

Goals: McDonald (19), Kilbane (22), Baker (97)

BLUES:

4-1-2-1-2



BLUES SUBS:

Redmond > Gordon 66, Ibanez > Davies 71, Rooney > Lovenkrands 79

Subs (not used): Lucas, Morrison, Elliott, Zigic

Goals: Lovenkrands (4), Spector (44)

MATCH ACTION

BLUES 1 PETERBOROUGH 0



npower Championship | Saturday 1 September 2012 | St. Andrew's

BLUES PICKED UP THEIR FIRST THREE LEAGUE POINTS OF THE SEASON WITH A HARD-FOUGHT VICTORY AGAINST PETERBOROUGH UNITED AT ST. ANDREW'S.

Michael Bostwick hit the woodwork for Posh early on but it was Lee Clark's side that had the better of the chances. It took just one goal to settle the contest and it came on 28 minutes with Posh keeper Bobby Olejnik initially credited with an own goal. However the

Dubious Goals Committee subsequently met and gave the goal to Wade Elliott as they decided that the Blues winger's free-kick was goal-bound before it brushed Olejnik's knuckles on its way in. Blues' margin of victory could and perhaps should have been greater and the hosts were denied what appeared a stonewall penalty when Peter Lovenkrands was shoved over by visiting defender Kgosietsile Ntlhe. New signing Paul Caddis was one of five changes made by Clark to the side that lost to Coventry and the ex-Swindon man produced an impressive display on his Birmingham debut.



WHAT THE
PAPERS
SAID

Daily Mail

"Birmingham recorded their first npower Championship victory of the season after edging past a Peterborough side who remain without a point to their name. And Blues' first-half winner came courtesy of a bizarre own goal from Robert Olejnik, with the Posh goalkeeper seeing his attempted punched clearance from Wade Elliott's free-kick go horribly wrong and end up in his own net. But the shaky hosts held on in the second half as Peterborough failed to take their chances." **Daily Mail**

**the evening
Telegraph**

"It wasn't all doom and gloom as Peterborough United left St. Andrew's having equalled the club's worst start to a Football League campaign. But there was a big plus from the 1-0 reverse at Birmingham, million-pound striker Tyrone Barnett made his first competitive start of the season following a hamstring problem and proved a handful for a rugged home defence for 90 minutes." **Peterborough Evening Telegraph**



MATCH STATS

BLUES

43%

14

5

2

8

POSSESSION

SHOTS

ON TARGET

CORNERS

FOULS

POSH

57%

7

1

4

7

LINE UPS

BLUES:

4-4-2



BLUES SUBS:

Redmond > Elliott 62, Gomis > Lovénkrands 71

Subs (not used): Doyle, Packwood, Hancox, Morrison, Asante.

Goals: Elliott (28).

POSH:

4-4-2



POSH SUBS:

Freclington > Zakuani (h/t), Alcock > Nthle 63, Sinclair > Swanson 79.

Subs (not used): Day, Newell, Knight-Percival, Clarke-Harris.

BLUE NOTES

by Sean Cole

CADDIS PLEASED WITH FIRST IMPRESSIONS

ON TRANSFER DEADLINE DAY A SEASON-LONG LOAN FOR SWINDON DEFENDER PAUL CADDIS WAS FINALLY COMPLETED, WITH ADAM ROONEY HEADING IN THE OTHER DIRECTION.

Having captained his side to the League Two title last year, things turned frosty at the County Ground after a disagreement with Paulo Di Canio. However, it proved a blessing in disguise for the 24-year-old Scot, who made his Birmingham and npower Championship bow a day after signing.

"The manager made it quite clear that he didn't want me at the club anymore," Caddis explained to Blues TV. "Then this opportunity comes up and I'm up in the skies. I'm at a really top quality team with players that will make me better."

With Jonathan Spector having stepped up into midfield for the visit of Peterborough, Caddis was pressed straight into service at right back. He combined well with Chris Burke, always looking to overlap, and even broke into the opposition's box to fizz a shot just over the bar midway through the second half.

"I enjoy attacking" he said after the game. "And this is a club that likes full-backs to get forward, so I'm quite happy with what I did today. I was just really excited to play. It's my first game in three weeks so it was good to get out there again."

Despite only getting to know his team-mates on the morning of the match, lack of preparation wasn't a problem for Caddis on his long-awaited return to action: "I think the best thing for me was just getting thrown straight in. I hadn't trained with the boys, it was the first time I'd met them to be honest, but sometimes that's for the best."

Slotting into a team of strangers certainly didn't seem to faze the new recruit, who was deservedly named man-of-the-match after his assured display in the 1-0 win over Posh. Having last played competitive football in League Two, he made the step up look relatively straightforward.

"I felt good, I felt comfortable," he continued. "I just started off by playing myself into the game, doing everything nice and easy, getting myself confident again. The last ten minutes I tired a little bit but I was still full of adrenaline, and that's what got me through it".

He added: "I've not arrived here expecting to play every single week. When the gaffer puts me on the field I've just got to do the best that I can. But the other players that are here, Stephen Carr for example, I think I will learn off them more than anything."

So a promising start for Caddis, whose focus remains firmly on the present: "I was just worried on the Friday that it wouldn't go through and I wouldn't be able to play, luckily enough it did. What happens in the

future is up to my agent to sort out off the field. I need to do well and be consistent and then who knows what could happen."



LITA EAGER TO IMPRESS

AFTER ADAM ROONEY'S DEPARTURE LEE CLARK WAS LEFT WITH JUST THREE SENIOR STRIKERS TO CHOOSE FROM, ACADEMY GRADUATE AKWASI ASANTE OCCUPYING THE BENCH AGAINST PETERBOROUGH IN THE ABSENCE OF NIKOLA ZIGIC.

The manager moved quickly to remedy this situation during the international break, securing the signing of Leroy Lita on a three-month loan from Swansea City. A proven goal plunderer, with over a century of strikes to his name in all competitions, Lita will provide pace up front to complement our other options, looking to play off the shoulder of the last defender.

Speaking of the competition he faces from Blues' existing forwards, the 27-year-old told Blues TV: "I've seen them all play and they're all very good players, so I'm looking forward to teaming up with them."

First-team opportunities were understandably hard to come by at the Liberty City Stadium given the ease with which The Swans took to top-flight football, but Lita did find the net in their first Premier League win against West Brom. Signed by Brendan Rodgers for £1.75 million from Middlesbrough, the former England under-21 international has only once made the matchday squad under Michael Laudrup, as an unused substitute in the Capital One Cup.

Not playing football in recent weeks has left Lita keen to get going again: "I want to play, I've been missing it," he admitted. "The team's doing well at Swansea so I've got no complaints there, but from a personal point of view I need to be playing football week in and week out and I'm going to get the opportunity to do that here."



Lita scores the first of his brace for Reading on his last appearance at St. Andrew's.

Having spent much of his career in the upper reaches of the npower Championship, winning this division with Reading back in 2006, Lita knows what it takes to succeed at the sharp end. He faces a similar situation with Blues and was glad to finally see the deal rubberstamped: "I know there was talk about it last week and I didn't think it was going to happen but to finally get here is a great feeling."

Hopefully this temporary move can have the same rejuvenating effect as a spell on loan at Norwich did three years ago. Lita rediscovered his scoring boots with seven goals in 16 games, and in so doing impressed

Lee Clark, who was then part of the Canaries' coaching staff.

"I know how he works, he's a passionate guy," commented the new loanee. "He's not easy-going but he's the kind of guy I like working for - you know that if you do well for him he'll look after you. I know him pretty well and I'm looking forward to working with him again."

As well as being reunited with Clark, Lita will be making his first return to St. Andrew's since his two goals for Reading helped to knock us out at the FA Cup fourth round stage in 2007. An impact like that against Bolton tonight would be much appreciated.





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AMERICAN ADVENTURE

by Peter Lewis

DOUBLE CENTURIAN READY TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT

Jonathan Spector clocked up a notable milestone when he lined up for Blues in the weekend draw at Nottingham Forest, although the American was blissfully unenlightened as to the significance of the occasion. Saturday's game was in fact the 26-year-old's 200th career appearance since he left his homeland nine years ago to follow his footballing dreams.

After making his first-team bow for Manchester United in August 2004 in the season's Community Shield curtain-raiser at the Millennium Stadium, further opportunities to shine were limited during those early days as a teenager at Old Trafford. Valuable experience was gained from a loan stint at Charlton and the games tally rose significantly during his five years at West Ham. The switch to St. Andrew's followed and undeniably his most productive campaign to-date as he cemented a regular place in the

Blues side last term. More than half of Spector's career outings have come in the royal blue of Birmingham with the City Ground fixture also marking his 50th start for the club.

"I do like playing in midfield because it does give me more freedom to get forward."

"I'm not overly aware of statistics, which is probably strange being an American," laughed the utility man when Blues News caught up with him on the eve of the East Midlands trip

and revealed to him the upcoming double-century career landmark. "It's great to reach that milestone. I've enjoyed my time over here and all the games I've played and hopefully that will continue, barring injuries and things like that. I certainly feel I keep improving as a player the longer I've been here and hopefully I'll be able to show that on the pitch."

Spector is relishing the chance to play regular football at St. Andrew's, whatever role he is asked to fill. He operated predominantly at right-back last season to fill the void left by skipper Stephen Carr. After finally shrugging off the thigh injury which left him on the treatment table throughout the summer, Spector resumed those defensive duties to stand-out effect, despite having missed the whole of the pre-season programme of matches. The USA international hit the ground running on his return and will tonight collect the Eze Group Player of the Month for August – a just reward for some consistently good performances in the Blues backline.

"I was certainly disappointed the way last season ended for me," admitted Spector, who tore his thigh for the second time in three months in the play-off semi-final second-leg defeat to Blackpool back in May. "Missing out in the run-up to the play-offs and then getting injured again and, more importantly for the team, the bitter disappointment of getting knocked out in the play-off game. I was desperate to get back as quickly as possible but I had a little bit longer recovery than I anticipated and had a premature pre-season and didn't play any games. Getting some matches at the start of the season was very important for me and crucial. I'm glad to be back playing."



The transfer deadline-day arrival of Swindon Town full-back Paul Caddis saw Spector move into central midfield for the visit of Peterborough United to St. Andrew's at the start of this month. Spector says he has no preference between defence or a more advanced role. "I do like playing in midfield because it does give me more freedom to get forward, but playing as a full-back you have that as well. I enjoy both positions," he insisted. "More than anything I just enjoy playing. Like every player I want to play games and I'm happy wherever the manager sees fit to put me. Paul (Caddis) is obviously a talented player and he did really well for us against Peterborough winning man of the match. Hopefully he will continue to perform at such a high level."

Lee Clark's side clocked up their first nonpower Championship victory of the season with the single-goal success over Darren Ferguson's Posh. "It was very important for us," continued Spector. "We have an unbeaten record at home. We were disappointed with the first draw against Charlton and we maybe should have gone on to win that game. However it was good to get a win after some disappointing results but sometimes it takes time for everything to come together. It's certainly not the best of starts by any means but it was the same last season as well. It was important to get that first win and hopefully we can push on from that."

"We were very solid defensively last season and gave ourselves a solid base to play from. We went away from that at the start of the season and for what reason I'm not entirely sure. Going into every game we all know tactically what our role is. Maybe we were a little bit rusty or just getting used to each other but we know how we want to go about things now. Every season is different but certainly around Christmas we'll have a better indication of where we stand. At the same time if you look at Reading last season, they came from nowhere to win the league. It's just about us getting a good run going now and hopefully being able to sustain that."

Spector's switch into the Blues engine-room saw the former Chicago Sockers player line up alongside a familiar face in the form of Hayden Mullins, who was his team-mate at Upton Park. The American also has previous experience of another summer signing, Darren Ambrose, from their time together at Charlton. He admits that it helps that they're familiar with how each other likes to play: "It's always good to see friendly faces, so to speak, and they're





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both very good players and have certainly added value to our side. We were a bit unlucky last season with the injuries we had going into those play-off games, so adding players to the squad was certainly something we knew we needed to do.

“We’ve got competition for places in a lot of areas which is important. We had a smallish squad last season which we added to by bringing in a lot of players on loan. And this year I think it was important to strengthen, which the manager has done because he has brought in some very talented players and it will keep everybody on their toes. We



all want to work together to get that promotion place.”

The Arlington Heights-born man has worked under several different club bosses during his playing career in England – nine to be precise. This summer has seen another managerial change for Spector to adapt to with Clark taking over from the Norwich-bound Chris Hughton. The new St. Andrew's chief admitted on arrival that he wouldn't be looking to make drastic operational changes.

“Every manager has their differences but I would say there are a lot of similarities as well,” commented Spector about working with Hughton and now Clark. “They're both positive in the way they approach both training and the matches. I enjoyed playing for Chris and wish him well but I've certainly taken to Lee and I enjoy playing for him as well. Each manager has things that they think will be important for the team to be successful. We missed out on promotion last season so there's

obviously something that needs a slight tweak.

“Last season we had all the extra European games which sort of helped us in the sense that with so many new players it brought us closer together, which was important too because it did take us some time to gel as a team. But this year having known each other and only adding a few players it's probably a blessing that we don't have those additional games. The Championship is a very competitive league and it seems to keep getting stronger. You see a lot of players in this division who have had Premier League experience or from the top leagues in other countries.”

In addition to the 200 club games, Spector has represented his country in 34 senior matches, his last appearance coming in February's surprise 1-0 defeat of Italy in a friendly in Genoa. He has just returned from international duty with mixed emotions after not featuring in either of the World Cup qualifying double-header of games against Jamaica, in which Jurgen

Klinsmann's side lost 2-1 in Kingston before gaining revenge with a 1-0 success on home soil in Columbus on the day of the 11th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Centre.

“Obviously it's great to be called in to represent your country, although disappointing not to play,” he admitted. “Nevertheless it's an honour to be involved with my national team, particularly on a special occasion with the home game in Columbus taking place on September 11. It was great to get a good result on that particular day. It was certainly an emotional occasion for everybody and it puts things into perspective. It's humbling and you sort of realise how insignificant football can be. But it was an honour to be involved in that game and everything around it.”

USA have qualified for the last six World Cup finals but still have a lot of work to do to ensure their progress into the next stage of qualifying. Klinsmann's charges are tied on seven points with the group's surprise-package Guatemala and Jamaica with two games each to play. “I am very optimistic about our chances of qualifying,” declared Spector. “I think it's a long time since we haven't. It's a difficult situation at the moment with three teams on seven points and only two advancing. We have one home and one away game left and they're important ones for us.”

Finally, returning to Blues matters, Spector knows from personal experience just how tough an opponent tonight's visitors Bolton Wanderers can be. The American has faced The Trotters nine times during his career and only once ended up on the winning side with seven defeats along the way. “I don't think they'll change the way they play,” he commented, looking ahead to the visit of Owen Coyle's side. “Obviously Kevin Davies is a handful but we've got centre backs that have played against him in the past, so it's nothing new to them. But it will certainly be a difficult game because, although they do play direct, they've got quality in the team as well so we need to be aware of that.”



ACADEMY

ENGLAND'S GOAL-DEN BROWN



Reece Brown sets off another penetrating run during his impressive display against Turkey.

Blues starlet Reece Brown bagged a spectacular solo goal to mark his England under-17 debut in sensational style late last month. The talented midfielder represented his country five times at under-16 level and made the step up to the next age group for the first time as part of John Peacock's 18-man squad for the St. George's Park Tournament.

The diminutive dynamo was forced to bide his time as he remained on the bench for the opening game which England lost 3-2 to Italy at Burton's Pirelli Stadium. But Brown was unleashed against Turkey at Northampton's Sixfields Stadium and produced a fantastic display capped by a tremendous individual strike four minutes

into the second half. The 16-year-old was just into the opposition's half when he received the ball and then used his electric pace to race forward before letting fly with a thunderous shot into the bottom left-hand corner from fully 25 yards.

Peacock subsequently revealed that he urged his players to get in more shots and Brown answered that call in memorable fashion – log on to www.thefa.com and you can see a free video of the goal. The player himself commented afterwards: "I'd been waiting to get on from the last game. I really wanted to play, I got my chance and hopefully I took it."

Despite his goal-scoring heroics, the Blues first year scholar had to make do with a place on the bench for the final match. Peacock's charges slipped to a single-goal defeat to tournament winners Portugal back at the Pirelli Stadium with Brown getting a taste of the action for the last half an hour. But the talented teenager had made his mark and on his return to Blues duty he was rewarded with a start in Richard Beale's under-21 side that faced Redditch United in the Birmingham Senior Cup – more details of that game overleaf.

TYKE THAT

Blues suffered a heavy defeat in their first under-18 fixture in September although the 5-1 scoreline didn't necessarily tell the full story of Barnsley's visit to Wast Hills. The hosts missed several scoring opportunities during an end-to-end game but only had Charlee Adams' second goal of the season to show for their attacking endeavours, whilst some defensive sloppiness at the other end was

clinically punished by The Tykes. "Barnsley deserved to win, but it could have been a 10-5 game to them with the amount of chances both teams created," commented coach Steve Spooner.

The lads travelled to Nottingham Forest on Saturday in their last under-18 outing – we'll have a report of that match in this coming Saturday's programme.

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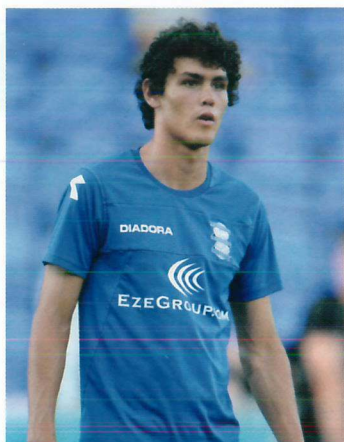
Saturday September 22
Leeds United (h)
1pm

Saturday September 29
Wigan Athletic (h)
12pm

Saturday October 6
Derby County (a)
11am

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

ASANTE STRIKE SECURES CUP PROGRESS



Will Packwood opened the scoring in the cup win.

Akwasi Asante took his tally to five goals in three games as the striker's clinical finish saw off battling non-leaguers Redditch United in the Birmingham Senior Cup seven days ago. The prolific young front-man hit the winner midway through the second half to decide a keenly-contested first round tie at Valley Stadium.

Blues fielded a mixture of young professionals and scholars complemented by the inclusion of loanee Ben Gordon and keeper David

Lucas. Will Packwood opened the scoring for Richard Beale's charges early on with the centre-half unleashing an impressive half-volley from just inside the area after a partially-cleared corner. Blues had other chances to build on their advantage but found themselves level at the break - ex-Wolves trainee Mark Danks equalising with a fizzing 15-yard effort just a minute before the interval.

Blues struggled to find any fluency on a bumpy surface and were almost punished for a lacklustre start to the second period when Danks' cross-shot reached an unmarked Craig Wilding at the far post. But his striking team-mate got his effort all wrong and the ball bounced tamely into the arms of Lucas from little more than five yards out. Asante's goal on 67 minutes was a rare moment of quality in the game and ultimately proved the difference.

The Holland-born hit-man, who turned 20 earlier this month, collected the ball on the edge of the area and got the ball out of his feet instantly before curling in a fierce shot that beat the keeper all ends up. However, the visitors were indebted to Lucas for their progression to the next round with the experienced guardian of the posts pulling off a tremendous reflex save to turn aside Williams Richards' late header. Blues finished the game with ten men after Mitch Hancox was shown a straight red for a foot-up lunge on Richards. But despite that indiscretion, the young midfielder was one of the only players to come out of the game with credit according to boss Beale.

Blues' development squad coach told Blues News: "Even though we won the game we didn't play well and we were sub-standard in a number of areas. These sorts of games are good for learning about players and seeing if they've really got the heart for it and

are willing to put their bodies on the line. Mitch was the only one that really stood out as doing that. The desire to fight and work hard is always in him and has been since I first worked with him at 11.

"Of course we take into account that young players are sometimes not used to playing on difficult pitches against tougher older opponents," Beale continued. "But even at first-team level you go to grounds where pitches are not great and the opposition is in your face and you've got to stand up and be counted. This competition exposes the young players to that and they'll only become better from it. Hopefully this game will act as a shot in the arm to one or two players that might need reminding where they are at the moment and what they need to do to get to the next stage."

At the time of going to print yesterday, Beale's boys were taking on Nottingham Forest in their latest league outing. Blues are unbeaten so far in the newly-created under-21 league with seven points from a possible nine - an Asante brace combined with Callum Reilly's stunning 35-yard effort securing a thrilling 3-2 victory at Barnsley earlier this month.

UPCOMING U21 GAMES

Tuesday September 25
Leeds Utd (a)
1pm

Monday October 1
Wigan Athletic (a)
2pm

Monday October 8
Derby County (h)
1pm at Wast Hills



Mitch Hancox saw red against Redditch but his overall performance still earned him praise from his boss.

RED CARD ROY

BLUES OLD BOY GETS BOOKED – AGAIN!

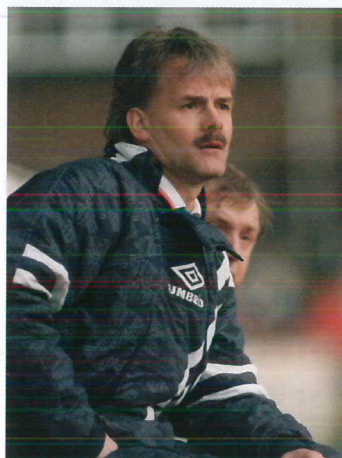
St. Andrew's was a fertile breeding ground for a fearless legion of football hard-men back in the 1970s. Men of steel like Kenny Burns, Pat Van Den Hauwe and Mark Dennis all rolled up their sleeves for bone-splintering shifts in a Birmingham City shirt. And among their snarling number was Solihull-born striker Roy McDonough, whose English record of 22 red cards earned him a reputation as one of football's most infamous bad boys.

McDonough, now 53 and living in Spain, said: "Those boys weren't nutters. They may have been physically intimidating, but they were just good honest professionals getting on with their jobs. These lads would put their bodies on the line for Birmingham week in, week out, standing their ground and toughing it out for the club and fans. They were all great characters too, hard on the football pitch, but some of the loveliest guys you could meet off it. Sadly, in the modern-day game of

barely any physical contact, these types of players are pretty much extinct. And the game is a lot worse off for it."

McDonough recalls his rise through the St. Andrew's ranks in his new biography, *Red Card Roy*, which documents his time at Blues under managers Willie Bell, Sir Alf Ramsey and Jim Smith. Birmingham were in the top flight when 18-year-old rookie McDonough made his debut in a 1-0 defeat at Sunderland in May 1977, rubbing shoulders with stellar stars like Trevor Francis, Howard Kendall and Burns. He headed his first goal in his second Blues appearance a few weeks later, salvaging an end-of-season 2-2 draw at QPR. But he never made the first-team again, and took his boots a few miles up the road to Walsall in 1978.

"Quitting Birmingham was the worst decision of my whole football career," added McDonough, who during a



Roy captured in 1995 during his managerial stint at Colchester United.

20-year spell was also on the books of Chelsea, Colchester, Southend, Exeter and Cambridge United. "I'd led such a devoted life to make the grade as a footballer – steering well clear of the booze – and to this day still believe I could have made it at



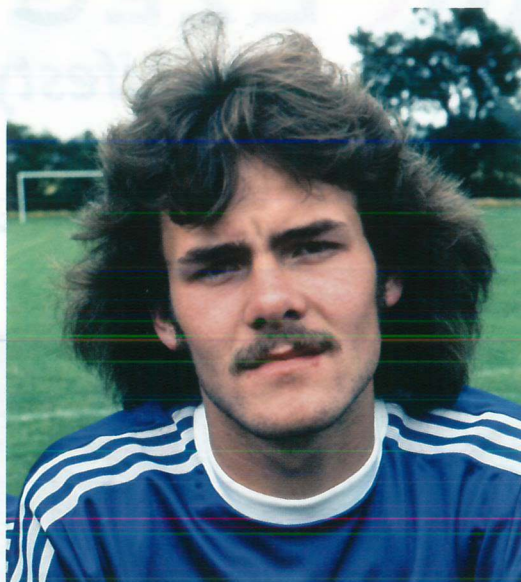
Roy pictured in the middle of the back row, in between goalkeepers Jim Montgomery and Neil Freeman, in Jim Smith's 1978/79 Blues squad just before the striker's departure from the club.

Blues. But after getting my chance, and taking it in my eyes, I grew increasingly frustrated at not getting back into the first-team."

He continued: "Sir Alf Ramsey put me on the bench and with only one substitute in those days, I was regularly the 13th or 14th man travelling on the team coach. But it did my head in, which lit the touch paper for my later disciplinary problems, as my frustrations boiled over and I got sent off in the reserves a couple of times.

"Sir Alf killed me by bringing in Keith Bertschin from Ipswich, after I'd done so well in pre-season with Trevor Francis, scoring a few goals. I didn't think Keith was as good a player as me, and I would sit on the bench or in the stand, just hoping he would fail, happy to see him miss a sitter. Harsh as it sounds, that's the footballer's mentality when he is not involved.

"I had a great mentor at St. Andrew's, coach Ken Oliver, who was like a surrogate father to me and taught me how to play the game, how to 'guard the ball with my life'. But I should never have left Blues under Jim Smith, who I loved for his hard, driven managerial style. There were no agents back then, though. If there was, I would probably have been made to stay longer and fight for my place. But Ken



A young Roy McDonough lines up for the cameras ahead of the 1977/78 season.

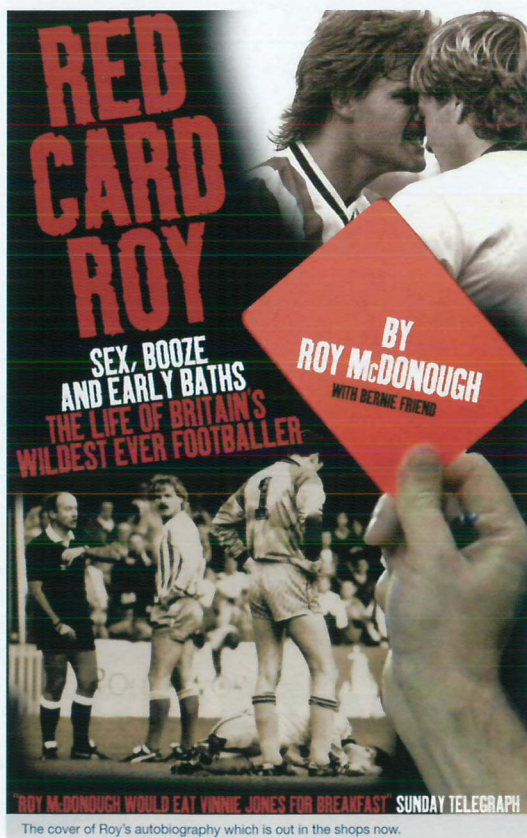
moved to Walsall and I followed him in 1978, which maybe I wouldn't have done if he hadn't gone there first.

"Walsall was the start of the slippery slope, the beer and the girls, but I thought I could play on one leg there in the Third Division. I got the man-of-the-match award shortly after arriving at Walsall, then, all pleased with myself, read the paper and saw that Trevor Francis and Keith Bertschin had been ruled out for most of the season with injury. I was mortified and knew then that I had made a terrible decision leaving St Andrew's."

Red Card Roy is a rollercoaster ride of football and contains some hilarious tales of Blues' pre-season breaks in Portugal – with merry boss Jim Smith leading the party charge – plus a tasty punch-up on foreign shores during a feisty summer tournament.

And finally, McDonough, whose uncle Fred Harris captained Blues, hopes to see Birmingham get back to where they belong this season – the Premier League. "I still look out for Blues' results, of course," added McDonough, who runs a property company in Spain. "Chris Hughton did an amazing job last season, as money talks more and more in football these days, and he didn't have any to play with. It was a shame to see Chris go, but in Lee Clark the club have recruited another impressive, young manager. I want to see Birmingham back in the Premier League for the fans. People talk about the Geordies or Scousers being the best fans in the world, but none are better than the Bluenoses and they deserve a bit of success."

Red Card Roy is out now (Vision Sports Publishing, £12.99).





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August's Star

The first **EZE Group Blues Player of the Month Award** will be presented before tonight's match so stay tuned to see who was the star pick from August.

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Like all football fans everywhere I am appalled and disgusted that it has taken 23 years for the truth to come out about the Hillsborough disaster that claimed the lives of 96 Liverpool fans. Those police officers who were involved in the deception and cover-up should without any argument face criminal charges, sooner rather than later. To change statements made by officers who were at the game to protect the South Yorkshire Police was nothing short of shocking and disgraceful. It further harms what is already a fragile relationship between the police and society.

I was on air that Saturday 15 April 1989 doing a studio-based sports

show. I remember vividly getting upset as the dreadful, heartbreaking scenes unfolded minute by minute. The other local games being covered live that day included Blues away at Barnsley, West Brom against Plymouth, Wolves away at Aldershot and the other semi-final between Everton and Norwich at Villa Park. However those games meant nothing as the extent of the tragedy in West Yorkshire became clear. I didn't want to even talk about the games or do a phone-in about our teams' results. Local football fans felt the same way and just wanted to express their sorrow for the families who had lost loved ones, some very young. If your teenage son or daughter

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goes to a football match you expect them to come home safely. Sadly 96 families would never ever be the same after that tragic day. Losing a loved one is always a traumatic event but even more so in such circumstances as Hillsborough. That is enough of a burden for anyone to cope with without having to wait 23 years for the truth to be told. Let us all hope that justice is far swifter so those families can get some sort of closure.

The fact that Stephen Carr is likely to be out for around six months following a knee operation is bad news for BCFC. However it's also a real kick in the 'you-know-whats' for the former Republic of Ireland international defender who has been brilliant for the club since signing in February 2009, making his debut in a 0-0 draw at Crystal Palace.

Having spoken to Stephen some time ago I realise he is like a bear with the proverbial sore head when he can't play because of injury - so watch out Mrs Carr and if you have a cat keep it out of Stephen's way!

In 2009/10 he played 35 out of 38 Premier League games and all 38 the following season. Last season injury meant he only featured in 20 league games. When fit he is the best right-back in the npower Championship, so let's hope we see him back in a Blues shirt before the end of this term.





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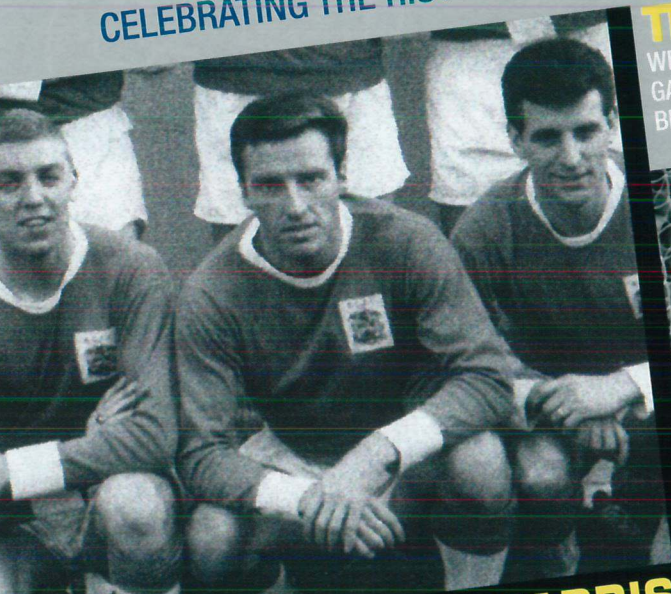
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JIMMY HARRIS

THE SECOND AND CONCLUDING PART OF A REVEALING INTERVIEW WITH ONE OF BLUES' 1963 LEAGUE CUP HEROES.



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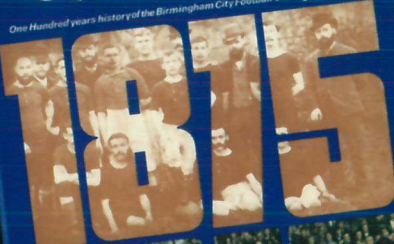
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By Peter Lewis

THE CUP HEROES

JIMMY JIMMY

- HARRIS TALK: PART TWO

As I bid farewell to Jimmy Harris after an enthralling two hours in the company of the prolific ex-St. Andrew's marksman, I made a solemn vow which I am more than happy to keep. I promised to put the record straight through the pages of Blues News with regards one of the most momentous games in Birmingham City's history – the two-legged destruction of Italian giants Inter Milan in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup.

That European double-header came in the spring of 1961 at the tail-end of Harris' first season at St. Andrew's. The pacy front-man had arrived at St. Andrew's midway through the 1960/61 campaign from Goodison Park for a comparatively hefty fee in those days of £20,000. Boss Gil Merrick had been determined to acquire the ex-England under-23 international's services and travelled up to Merseyside in person to meet up with the striker at

Liverpool's Adelphi Hotel. The pair came to an agreement over "a few bob" that helped to seal the deal and just four days later Harris pulled on a Blues shirt for the first time. His debut came in the second leg of a Fairs Cup second round fixture against Boldklub Copenhagen as Merrick's side overcame their Danish opponents at the second attempt after an eventful first leg had finished all-square at 4-4. Unsurprisingly, Harris marked his inaugural appearance for his new side with a goal in a 5-0 rout as Blues cemented their semi-final berth to set up a mouth-watering clash with the Nerazzurri. But it was his net-rippling exploits five months later against Inter which were to ensure him a permanent place in the annals of Blues' history.

Jimmy arrived at St. Andrew's boasting a goal-every-three-games record – including an impressive tally of seven goals against Blues – and he quickly

set about improving on that ratio during his early months wearing the royal blue of Birmingham. He bagged a brace in a 2-2 draw against tonight's opponents Bolton Wanderers in just his second league game and, despite only making the switch to the midlands in early December, the Scouse sensation finished the season as the club's top scorer. He found the net 13 times in 24 domestic games to help steer Blues clear of relegation danger. But Harris was always one for the big occasion and his ability to compete with the very best came to the fore in the two matches against Milan.

Merrick's side claimed a notable scalp as they beat Inter 2-1 in their own backyard in the first leg and then completed the job with a repeat of the same scoreline in the St. Andrew's rematch. The victory at the San Siro was particularly significant as it took more than 40 years for another English

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WE CONTINUE OUR PROFILE OF JIMMY HARRIS – ONE OF THE SIX SURVIVING MEMBERS OF BLUES' 1963 CUP-WINNING SIDE. NOW 89, THE FORMER STRIKER IS STILL GOING STRONG AND HE REVELLED IN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMINISCE ABOUT HIS GOAL-LADEN CAREER WHEN BLUES NEWS EDITOR PETER LEWIS POPPED IN TO VISIT HIM AT HIS BIRKENHEAD ABODE THIS SUMMER. IN THE CHARLTON PROGRAMME JIMMY RECALLED HIS EARLY YEARS AT EVERTON AND HIS COLOURFUL LIFE AWAY FROM FOOTBALL. IN THIS EVENING'S SECOND INSTALMENT WE CONCENTRATE ON HIS PLAYING DAYS AT ST. ANDREW'S...

club to beat Inter in a competitive match on their own ground, Arsenal finally ending that proud record with a 5-1 success in 2003. Harris stole the headlines by notching all four of his side's goals in the two-legged triumph – or at least that's what the record books should show according to the forward. Inter defender Constanzo Balleri – who ironically is just two days older than Harris – is widely regarded as the unwanted recipient of an own goal in the San Siro contest. However the Blues striker insists that it is he who should be rightfully credited with notching both goals on Italian soil.

As he sat in the front room of his terraced house overlooking Tranmere Rovers' ground, Jimmy cast his mind back to that memorable night in Milan. He recalled: "It was my shot and it hit one of their players on the head on its way into the net. In those days just the merest of deflections off an opposition player and it went down as an own goal. The guy was just standing under the bar and he headed it on its way in. Nowadays players have shots that are going 45 yards wide and they still claim the goal!"

Jimmy has clearly lost none of his passion and love for the game which provided him with a suitcase full of memories from a professional career spanning 15 years. He keeps hundreds of photos and newspaper cuttings in a tattered leather holdall which looks like it dates back to

the same kind of era. Although his abundance of career souvenirs are not limited to a solitary case – he heads upstairs and returns with a copy of the Blues matchday programme produced for the 1961 Fairs Cup final first leg against AS Roma. He opens it to the page detailing Blues' route to the final and points to the match details of the game in the San Siro. The club had gone some way to rectifying the own goal argument by crediting their number nine with both goals in the 2-1 away win. Unfortunately that message didn't transverse the decades and the club's history books and online encyclopaedia sites continue to honour Harris with just one goal in that first leg. And the sense of injustice he feels at being denied the glory of a four-goal Italian job continues to burn strong over half a century later.

One thing that can't be denied is the magnitude of Blues' success in overcoming one of Europe's greatest club sides. Jimmy continued: "Milan were a very good team and top of the Italian league. But we had a good balanced forward line, which included the fantastic Bertie Auld, and when we were all in the mood on the same day we were quite hard to stop."

Blues faced Italian opponents again in the final but this time AS Roma proved a step too far. A world-class individual performance from visiting keeper Fabio Cudicini – the father of Spurs



Headline maker – Amongst Jimmy's vast collection of mementoes from his career is this copy of the Sports Argus from December 1960 containing a report of a game against today's opponents Bolton when he scored his first Blues goals.



Cup winner – Jimmy proudly shows off the League Cup tankard that takes a prominent position in his display cabinet.

shot-stopper Carlo – ensured the first leg at St. Andrew's finished in a 2-2 stalemate and Roma lifted the trophy with a 2-0 success back in the Italian capital in front of a hostile home crowd.

"We played on a very icy pitch in the home leg and I think we'd have won that game if the surface had been better," remembered Jimmy. "It had to be played because Roma needed to be back by the Saturday for their league fixture so the game being postponed was never really an option. It was a red-hot atmosphere in the return leg at the Olympic Stadium. When we came out we walked through a wire mesh but their team stopped and we walked on. Their fans threw plastic cups of sand over us! All that was said to us from start to finish was 'English b*****!'"

That two-legged final took place towards the start of the 1961/62 campaign – Harris' first full season as a Birmingham player, although it could well have turned out to be his last. He continued to find the net with menacing regularity and broke through the 20-goal barrier in all competitions during that term. The tally included three strikes against the great Tottenham Hotspur side of the early 1960s, who the previous season had romped to the top-flight crown by a massive eight-point margin in an era when teams

gained just two points for a win. Bill Nicholson's charges had also clinched the double by lifting the FA Cup and they began their defence of the trophy with a third round trip to the Second City. It turned out to be one of best games ever witnessed by the St. Andrew's faithful. Spurs raced into a three-goal lead within half-an-hour but the London club eventually saw their advantage wiped out, courtesy of a brace from Harris and a Ken Leek equaliser. And but for a dubious offside decision Blues would have sent the holders tumbling out of the competition.

"That was a massive injustice," said Jimmy as he recalled the six-goal thriller from January 1962. "I see Bob Latchford occasionally now at Everton matches and he was at that Spurs game as a kid. He says it was one of the greatest games he's even seen. I'd always scored a lot of goals against that great Tottenham team. When I was at Everton we were been beaten 10-4 at White Hart Lane but I still managed to score a hat-trick. But that cup-tie for Blues must go down as one of the most memorable games of my career. The newspapers the next day said that we went from the 'Brummie bashers' to a football team in the space of one match. We should have won but Ken Leek scored a perfectly good goal that was ruled out for offside. I got the ball about six yards out after it had bounced

off Danny Blanchflower and got to it before Bill Brown and pulled it back for Ken to hammer it in from the penalty spot. We were all running back to the halfway line to get ready to restart when the goal was disallowed. I don't know why it was ruled out but referees have always had teams that they will favour. Even Jimmy Greaves put in his book that there was only one guy in the ground that could tell you why that goal was disallowed, so that tells you what a bad decision it was. I scored early on in the replay but the pace Spurs had with the likes of Cliff Jones caused us a lot of problems and they went on to win 4-2."

By mid-April 1962 Harris was yet again topping the Blues scoring charts. However, it had been another season where Merrick's team had flattered to deceive with their league form, even though they did secure their First Division status with four games to spare. With the campaign reaching its conclusion, the manager's response to back-to-back defeats against Everton and Cardiff was to shuffle his pack and rest Harris for the return game against the Toffees. The striker didn't take kindly to being left out for an eagerly-awaited match against his boyhood heroes and former employers.



JIMMY HARRIS

Jimmy Harris

POSITION:	STRIKER
SIGNED:	DECEMBER 1960 (FROM EVERTON)
BLUES DEBUT:	V BOLDklub COPENHAGEN (CFC 2R2L). W 5-0
BLUES APPS:	115
BLUES GOALS:	54
DEPARTED:	JULY 1964 (FOR OLDHAM)



Jimmy (fifth from the left) lines up with his Blues team-mates ahead of the Fairs Cup semi-final against Inter Milan at the San Siro.

Jimmy admitted: "I fell out with Gil and he told me that if I didn't like it then I should go on the transfer list." Harris was keen to return to his northern roots and Blackburn were amongst the interested clubs but were put off by the £25,000 price tag the club put on their striker's head. The dispute between Merrick and his highly-valued front-man rumbled on through the summer and it wasn't until the eve of the historic 1962/63 cup-winning campaign that the pair finally settled their differences and Harris pledged his future to Blues. Merrick commented at the time: "I'm glad he has made this decision. Now I can make my plans for the season - before I wasn't sure whether to count Jimmy in or not." Although his second full season at St. Andrew's was interrupted through injury and he found goals more difficult to come by, the fiery forward still played a key role in helping the club lift their first major silverware.

Harris was involved in the build-up to all three goals as Blues stacked up a decisive 3-1 lead over Aston Villa in the first leg of the final at St. Andrew's. However the striker insists they perhaps should have taken an even more comprehensive advantage into the Villa Park second leg. "It could have been 5-1 at St. Andrew's," he said. "I had a shot which the keeper tipped onto the bar - Nigel Sims was outstanding that night and made numerous other saves. We didn't have to do a lot at Villa Park. I think we were frightened of them getting an early goal. We went out slightly wary but we knew they had to get two. Over the two games we easily deserved to win. It was a nice feeling to lift the cup at Villa Park but we didn't go overboard - there were no great celebrations. Trevor Smith picked up the cup and we all just walked back into the dressing room. Each player received a small tankard and we drank champagne from it afterwards."

He continued: "Villa always thought they were much better than us but in my time at Blues I don't think we lost too many (two defeats and four wins in nine meetings - Harris scoring three

goals). I've got a picture somewhere of me scoring with a diving header in a 3-1 win at Villa Park (in October 1961) - it was the third goal and it was one of those where you're eight yards out lying on your stomach and the ball's in the back of the net."

Harris doesn't have too many good memories from his fourth and final season at St. Andrew's, which was majorly hampered by injury along with additional competition for places in attack following the arrival of Manchester City's Scottish striker Alex Harley. Jimmy reveals: "I did have a run-in with Gil whilst we were on tour in Canada when I heard that he had arranged to sign Harley, who was a big disaster and most probably cost Gil his job in the end. Gil seemed to like signing forwards. I never think goalkeepers make good managers because they have their limitations and the game is very different to being an outfield player."

Harris and Merrick were still not really seeing eye-to-eye and it eventually came to a head in the Easter of 1964. "I was suffering with a cartilage injury but Gil asked me to play. I told him that I wasn't 100 per cent fit but I'd have a go," he remembered. "We played at Villa and I scored one of the goals in a 3-0 win. Then we played Villa again the following day in the return match at St. Andrew's, we drew and we were just about getting out of relegation trouble. Later that week I got the flu and was in bed for two days. I got up on the Friday morning and there was a letter on the doormat from

Birmingham giving me a free transfer! It was hard school in those days."

Even though his time at Blues ended on a slightly sour note, Jimmy still looks back on his days in Birmingham with great fondness. He concludes: "I had four good years there, scoring 50-odd goals in 100 or so games. Winning the League Cup would be up there as one of the highlights of my career. It's not the biggest cup but all you hear about around here is the fact that Liverpool won it last season - and they only beat Cardiff City, who had five put past them by West Ham in the play-offs!"

Jimmy remains a regular guest of the Everton Former Players Foundation for home games at Goodison Park and, despite turning 79 last month, he keeps himself in shape with three or four visits to the gym every week. Like virtually all of the players from that era, Jimmy's years as a professional footballer didn't benefit him financially in the way that it does players today. In fact, he insists that he would have earned more combining part-time football with a job outside of the game. After hanging up his boots, he worked at the local Vauxhall factory just to make ends meet. But despite that relative hardship, he holds no grudges and remains very grateful for the opportunity that was afforded to him to make a living out of the game that he loves. Jimmy's memories of his days donning the blue of Everton and Birmingham are more valuable to him than any extra noughts on his bank balance.



There was no querying the legitimacy of Harris' first goal at the San Siro as he is seen here firing in an unstoppable shot to give Blues the lead against the Italian giants.

A-Z

OF BLUES

By MARK DANTER

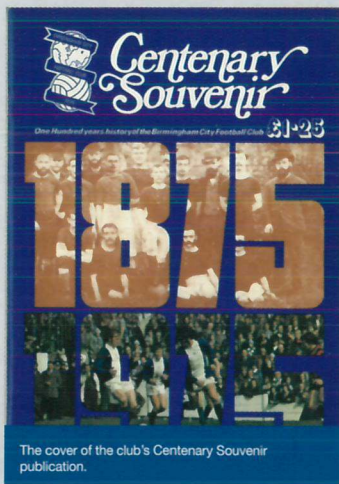
Throughout this season Blues News will be trawling through the history books to reveal some interesting facts about our beloved Birmingham City, as well as highlight some more anecdotal tales and feature some of the key players in the club's history – a true A to Z of the Blues.

CAPACITY

The current capacity of St. Andrew's is 30,009.

CENTENARY

Formed in 1875, Birmingham City Football Club celebrated its centenary in 1975 and to commemorate the occasion the club organised a fixture against Glasgow Celtic, who visited St. Andrew's on 25 November 1975. A crowd of 14,670 witnessed a Peter Withe strike which secured a 1-0 victory for the home side. In goal that night for Blues was teenager Steve Smith, who only ever made three full appearances for the club.



The cover of the club's Centenary Souvenir publication.

But the England youth international had good reason to remember his appearance against the Scottish giants as he saved a penalty from Kenny Dalglish.

To commemorate their 100th anniversary, the club produced a fittingly 100-page glossy magazine highlighting the highs and lows of its history, liberally illustrated with the cartoons of Norman Edwards.

CENTURIES



George Briggs bagged more than 100 goals for Blues.

Blues have scored a century of goals in league football just once, in the 1893/94 season, when the team notched 103 times from just 28 Division Two matches but still finished second in the table to Liverpool.

Only six players have scored a century of goals for the club – Joe Bradford (267), Trevor Francis (133), Peter Murphy (127), Freddie Wheldon (118), George Briggs (107) and Billy Jones (102).

CHAMPIONSHIPS



Captain Liam Daish holds aloft the Second Division trophy in 1995 - the last time that Blues won any kind of league championship.

Blues have won a divisional championship in domestic football on five separate occasions – 1892/93, 1920/21, 1947/48, 1954/55, 1994/95. The first four were Division Two titles but the last of these was gained in the third tier of English football.

CITY

Birmingham added 'City' to its name in 1943.

CLEAN SHEETS

When it comes to clean sheets, Ian Bennett holds all the records... Consecutive clean sheets in all competitions: 9 (1994/95) Consecutive clean sheets in league matches: 7 (1994/95 – Division Two) Most clean sheets in a season in all competitions: 27 (1994/95) Most clean sheets in a season in league matches: 21 (1997/98 – Division One) - Kevin Poole

subsequently added a 22nd clean sheet for the team.

CONSECUTIVE

The record for scoring in the most consecutive games is ten, held by Freddie Wheldon with a sequence that started towards the end of the 1891/92 season and then continued into the opening two matches of 1892/93. The prolific marksman scored an incredible 16 goals during that run, beginning in a 1-1 draw against Lincoln City in February 1892 through to his strike in a 3-1 defeat of Walsall Town Swifts in the following campaign. In more recent times, Trevor Francis found the net in six successive matches in the 1970/71 season during which he notched 11 goals, which includes his feat of scoring all four in the 4-0 home success over today's opponents whilst he was still only 16. Bob Latchford repeated the achievement of scoring in six consecutive games the following season before TF went one better in 1977/78 by rippling the net in seven successive First Division games.

The aforementioned Wheldon also holds the record for the most consecutive appearances, in league and cup, with 148 games, although

53 of these came in the Football Alliance, before the formation of the Football League. Gil Merrick played in 135 successive matches, between 15 April 1949 and 29 March 1952.

Turning to team records, the most consecutive victories achieved by Blues in all competitions is ten in the Division Two season of 1920/21 – the run began with a 3-0 home win over Blackpool in October 1920 and finished with a 2-1 success over Leeds United just before Christmas that year. These were quite comprehensive victories too as the team scored 29 goals and only conceded five during that period. This impressive sequence was not in vain as the club secured promotion to the top flight at the end of the season as champions (see adjacent page).

The most consecutive league victories came in 1893 and stands at an impressive 13. These were straddled across the end of the 1892/93 season when nine games were won securing yet another Division Two championship (also see above) and the first four fixtures of the following term. This run did include an FA Cup defeat to Burnley and also the previously referred to reversal in the end-of-season

test match, but still represents the longest victorious sequence in league football. It began with a resounding 12-0 win over Walsall Town Swifts and finished 68 goals later with a 4-0 triumph over the same opposition.

The longest sequence of drawn matches in all competitions was eight in season 1990/91, all of which were in Division Three league matches and only one finished goalless. An inability to convert any of these to victories cost the team dearly as the club ended the campaign in 13th in the third tier of the domestic game, the lowest ever finish in its history.

Let's not dwell on the losses, but in all competitions the club has twice recorded a run of nine consecutive defeats (1922/23 and 1978/79), and in league competition they have on three occasions lost eight successive matches (1922/23, 1978/79 and 1985/86) – all of these were in the top flight, but at least the first of these did not result in relegation at the end of the season, unlike the other two.

Do any of you think you hold the record for the most consecutive games attended?



Bob Latchford celebrates his goal against Preston in October 1971 during the striker's run of scoring in six consecutive games.

Picture courtesy of Fotosports (www.fotosports.com).

20TH CENTURY TIME MACHINE

1970/71

Blues News travels back in time to the 1970/71 season when new boss Freddie Goodwin was in the process of moulding together an exciting young side at St. Andrew's, which included the emergence of one particularly talented mid-teens striker.

PLAYER STATS IN 70/71

	APPS	GLS
Malcolm Beard	8(1)	0
Keith Bowker	9(3)	2
Alan Campbell	31	1
Micky Darrell	1	0
Trevor Francis	25(1)	16
Colin Green	3	0
Mike Harrison	2	0
Tony Hateley	2(1)	0
Trevor Hockey	32	1
Roger Hynd	48	0
George Johnston	1	0
Mike Kelly	41	0
Bob Latchford	41(1)	13
Dave Latchford	9	0
Ray Martin	42	0
Bert Murray	11(1)	1
Malcolm Page	31(1)	2
Garry Pendrey	28(4)	0
Dave Robinson	45	1
John Sleuwenhoek	1(1)	0
Phil Summerill	44(2)	21
George Smith	9	0
Gordon Taylor	23	1
Bobby Thomson	15	0
Dennis Thwaites	5(1)	0
Johnny Vincent	21(1)	5
Geoff Vowden	22(1)	6

Totals include league and cup games,
Figure in brackets is substitute appearances

SEASON SYNOPSIS

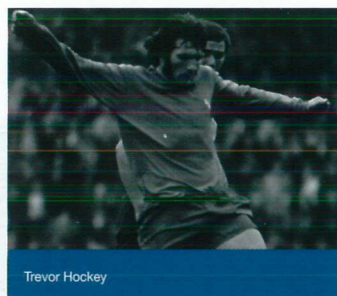
by Andy Bulman

The 1970/71 season was one of change for Blues and, although the team didn't rip up any trees, by the time the British Leyland holiday fortnight came about Bluenoses had witnessed a few special moments and were left with a distinct feeling that the club was on the up. Principle amongst the transfiguration was the appointment of new young manager, Freddie Goodwin, who took over the helm from Stan Cullis. The previous incumbent's failure to get Blues out of the old Second Division lay at the heart of his departure and Goodwin knew he would have to make major adaptations to the squad if he was to avoid the same fate – so out the door went Blues legends Trevor Hockey, Johnny Vincent, Bert Murray and Geoff Vowden.

In their stead the new boss brought in two mighty Scotsmen - the flamboyant midfield playmaker Alan Campbell and the granite central defender Roger Hynd. Barrel-chested flying winger Gordon

Taylor also joined from Bolton whilst Goodwin promoted latent home-grown talent Bob Latchford and Malcolm Page to first choice. He also gave a debut to an unknown 16-year-old by the name of Trevor Francis. The young striker announced his arrival when he scored on his home debut against Oxford United in September and by the time Bolton came to St. Andrew's in February 1971, Francis had already found the net six times.

The main strike-force of Phil Summerill and Bob Latchford had been showing TF the ropes with 14 and 10 goals respectively and the new boy proved to be a model pupil when he scored all four goals in a drubbing of the Trotters – see adjacent page for further details of that match. Blues finished ninth that season but the stage was set for a return to the top flight, which was achieved in dramatic style at the end of the campaign that followed.



Trevor Hockey

1970/71 Second Division Final Table (Top Nine)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Leicester City	42	23	13	6	57	30	59
2 Sheffield United	42	21	14	7	73	39	56
3 Cardiff City	42	20	13	9	64	41	53
4 Carlisle United	42	20	13	9	65	43	53
5 Hull City	42	19	13	10	54	41	51
6 Luton Town	42	18	13	11	62	43	49
7 Middlesbrough	42	17	14	11	60	43	48
8 Millwall	42	19	9	14	59	42	47
9 Birmingham City	42	17	12	13	58	48	46

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ONE-MAN WONDER SHOW By Jon Shaw

This was a game that certainly made everyone wake up and notice the boy wonder Trevor Francis. His amazing four-goal haul at the tender age of 16 not only set a record for the youngest player ever to notch such a tally but took his own personal total to six in just ten games.

The future was looking much brighter at Blues during that season with crowd numbers doubling in the space of a couple of months, no doubt many of them lured back by the intriguing new star in their midst. Over 25,000 filed through the turnstiles for the mid-February clash against relegation-threatened Bolton. Chairman Clifford Coombs commented: "Now I think we are really going places at last. It is a tremendous tribute to manager Freddie Goodwin and the players that they have achieved such a dramatic improvement in so short a time."

Blues were captained by Brummie Ray Martin and had a great blend of players with Gordon Taylor and Malcolm Page in midfield and a young Bob Latchford up front with Francis. Goodwin rated 20-year-old Latchford, saying: "He is doing a helluva job for us. A lot of people don't realise just how much weight he takes off our other forwards. He's big, brave and strong and takes a lot of knocks."

But after this game it was Francis' name that was on everyone's lips. Birmingham Evening Mail reporter Neville Foulger introduced his match

report by comparing Goodwin's good fortune to a man who had unexpectedly unearthed a priceless art treasure. But the truth is that the secret was already out and the majority of the football world was only too aware of Birmingham's prodigious talent well before this fantastic foursome.

Francis' goals came in two bursts in either half - the first two on 16 and 19 minutes and another quick-fire double on 78 and 83. The opener arrived courtesy of a Taylor's looping shot over visiting keeper Alan Boswell with TF nodding the ball home from close range. Taylor also started the move that led to the second with the former Trotter crossing to Phil Summerill who teed up Francis to double the advantage. Blues and TF's third came after tremendous work by Summerill again as he charged through the middle unleashing a low drive that Boswell could only parry to Francis to smash home for his hat-trick. The record-breaking fourth goal arrived via the head of Blues' number eight as Francis bravely threw himself at the ball and again it ended up in the net. But, as a result of his courageous actions, the teenage hero was left requiring treatment on a thigh injury and unable to celebrate in typical arms-raised fashion. Francis was subsequently substituted and left the field to rapturous applause. Taylor came close to making it 5-0 to rub further salt into his old employer's wounds but the game finished TF 4 BW 0.

The plaudits for Francis were aplenty

after the game with England legend Nat Lofthouse, then Bolton general manager, commenting: "There is no doubt at all that he is an astonishing player for his age. But when he gets out there on the pitch his age does not come into it. He is just another player. We certainly did not lay off him because he is only 16. He had to work for his goals against us....and, by golly, he deserved them."

Despite his headline-making exploits, two days later Francis found himself in the St. Andrew's boot-room cleaning the footwear of the senior professionals as part of his apprentice duties! The final words on this day have to go to Trevor's dad Roy, who said: "His four goals against Bolton gave us all a tremendous thrill but there is no chance of him becoming big-headed. I won't let him!"



Trevor Francis scores the first of his record-breaking quartet against The Trotters.

Pictures courtesy of Fotosports (www.fotosports.com).

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Darren Porter traces the recent fortunes of the Blues starting XI from our featured match against The Trotters.

DAVE LATCHFORD

The older brother of fellow ex-Blues star Bob and former Celtic goalkeeper Peter, Dave made 239 appearances for Blues. After retiring from the game he became a funeral director and later a superintendent of cemeteries in Solihull, while also coaching for a time at the local non-league side then known as Borough.



GARRY PENDREY

A veteran of 360 Blues games, Garry became a coach at Walsall after hanging up his playing boots in 1983. Working alongside Alan Buckley, he helped the Third Division Saddlers reach the League Cup semi-finals. He returned to his spiritual home of St. Andrew's to take over at the managerial helm in 1997, but fought a losing battle with a dwindling squad and very little finances. Earlier this year the Lozells-born legend was part of the latest batch of Hall of Fame inductees.



RAY MARTIN

A club stalwart of 15 years and 374 first-team games, Ray was born in Wolverhampton and played as a full-back spending all his professional career in England with Birmingham City. A former club captain, he won the Player of the Year award two years running in 1970 and 1971. He later moved to the United States, initially playing for Portland Timbers and Minnesota Kicks in the North American Soccer League and then coaching at Oregon State University.



MALCOLM PAGE

Malcolm made 391 appearances for Birmingham City in all competitions over a 17-year career, scoring ten goals. He represented Wales on 28 occasions which at the time made him Birmingham City's most capped player, a record he held for 25 years until overtaken by Australia's Stan Lazaridis in 2005. He captained both club and country and is another worthy member of Birmingham City's Hall of Fame.

ROGER HYND

Nephew of the late great Bill Shankly, Roger started his playing career at Rangers, for whom he played in the 1967 European Cup Winners' Cup final, before crossing the border into England to continue his career. He played in over 200 games for Birmingham City, scoring five goals, and was part of the side that won promotion to the First Division in 1972. He had a brief spell as manager of Motherwell before leaving professional football to work as a PE teacher but has now retired and lives in Glasgow. In 2012, Hynd was also elected to Birmingham City's Hall of Fame.



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DAVE ROBINSON

Dave played nearly 300 games as a central defender for Birmingham City and Walsall, continuing his career in Midlands non-League football with Tamworth before becoming manager of Oldbury United. It is believed he now works for a West Midlands haulage company.

TREVOR FRANCIS

Britain's first £1m player and considered the best Englishman ever to have turned out in Serie A by former Three Lions manager Fabio Capello, Francis quickly rose in status having made his first-team debut in 1970 aged just 16 - he ended his first season with 15 goals from just 22 league games. Francis negotiated a secondment from Birmingham in 1978 to play for the Detroit Express in the fledgling North American Soccer League (NASL), where he scored 22 goals in 19 league matches and was named in the NASL first XI alongside Franz Beckenbauer before returning to these shores. However, in February 1979 came the moment which would define his career and leave his name permanently in football folklore. Between 1988 and 2003 he was a football manager, most notably with Sheffield Wednesday and then back at Blues. Francis is currently working as a TV pundit.



ALAN CAMPBELL

A Scotsman who played over 200 games for the Blues, one of which was in the 1976 Second City clash at Villa Park, which was the first away derby that I attended thanks to my cousin John who bought tickets for the home end and then persuaded a policeman to escort us to the crowded Blues section! The 2-1 win made the day so sweet. Capped at youth and under-23 level, Alan went on to play and manage in non-league football around the Birmingham area. Allegedly he now spends much of his leisure time playing crown green bowls for the Baldwin Bowling Club in Hall Green, and competes on numerous days of the week during the summer season.



PHIL SUMMERILL

Another local lad, born in Erdington, Phil spent the major part of his professional career at Birmingham City, whom he joined from school. He was Blues' leading scorer for three successive seasons from 1968/69 to 1970/71 and contributed to the promotion-winning campaign of 1971/72. He went on to play league football for Huddersfield Town, Millwall and Wimbledon and for several more years in non-league. He later worked for Birmingham City Council in football development and coaching.



BOB LATCHFORD

When Bob left Blues for Everton in 1974 it was a British transfer record at the time of £350,000, which included Howard Kendall and Archie Styles being transferred to Birmingham City as part of the same deal. Now living on the continent with his family, the Kings Heath-born striker makes regular trips back to England to speak on the after-dinner circuit and also has a regular column on Everton independent website www.nsno.co.uk. He played 194 games for the Blues and notched 84 goals. He also won 12 caps for England, finding the net five times for his country.



GORDON TAYLOR

Gordon Taylor OBE played as a winger for Blues before becoming a well-respected figure throughout the world as the chief executive of the English footballers' trades union, the Professional Footballers' Association. He is reputed to be the highest paid union official in the world. He played over 250 games for tonight's visitors Bolton and scored more than 50 goals before being transferred to St. Andrew's in 1970. He played 203 matches and scored ten goals for Blues.

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REISSUED - BLUE PRINT OF THE PAST

FOCUS ON Phil Summerill / Birmingham City

FULL NAME: Philip Ernest Summerill
BIRTHPLACE: Ednington, Birmingham
BIRTHDATE: November 20, 1947
HEIGHT: 5 ft. 11 in.
WEIGHT: 12 st. 3 lb.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: Yes
CHILDREN: First expected soon
CAR: Ford Capri
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Eusebio
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Aston Villa
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Colin Todd (Derby County)
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Against Hull in the 1968/69 season
BIGGEST THRILL: Scoring a hat-trick against Hull
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being out of the first-team
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Watching football and most other sports
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Shaving, being kept waiting
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW: Morecambe & Wise
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Diana Ross, Andy Williams, Barbara Streisand
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Paul Newman, Dustin Hoffman, Barbara Streisand
BEST FRIEND: Team-mate Gary Pandey
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Emilio Alderson, a coach when I first signed for Birmingham
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Injuries
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth
PERSONAL AMBITION: To keep scoring goals
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play in Division One with Birmingham
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Don't know
WHAT PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Andy Williams



wanted. The Erdington-born marksman played just nine games during the promotion-winning campaign of 1971/72 and then made just a solitary start after the club's eagerly-awaited return to the First Division before he upped sticks to join Huddersfield in January 1973.

On the eve of The Trotters' visit to St. Andrew's, Brian Clough splashed out a then record fee for a defender of £170,000 to take future Blues man Colin Todd to Derby County from Sunderland. Todd was only 22 but had already gained a fearsome reputation in the game and this was backed up by his peers - Summerill naming him as his most difficult opponent. Red meat was part of the stable diet for a 1970s footballer and the Blues forward divulged his penchant for a nice bit of steak. Meanwhile, it remains to be seen whether he ever got to meet his singing hero - American crooner Andy Williams!



Phil Summerill was the subject of Shoot magazine's 'Focus On' feature around the time of our featured match against Bolton in 1971. In the question and answer slot the Blues striker revealed his determination to play top-flight football for his hometown club - an ambition that he was to finally fulfil but perhaps not quite in the style that he would have

The cover of the programme produced for the Bolton game featured another acclaimed St. Andrew's front-man in the form Bob Latchford, but it was his brother Dave who was spotlighted inside in the 'personal portrait'. It was a wise choice from editor Dennis Gilbert - this game was to prove the 21-year-old's last appearance of the season as he was subsequently displaced by

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the experienced Mike Kelly. Dave took the opportunity to thank his former goalkeeping colleagues Johnny Schofield and Colin Withers for the part they played in his early development and also revealed his admiration for another ex-team-mate, Ron Wylie. Nets played a big part in Dave's life - when he wasn't minding them in his professional capacity, he was sitting on river or canal banks filling them with fish as a keen angler!

Manager Freddie Goodwin used his notes to hail the all-round team effort - from the boardroom down to the supporters - that had aided the club's continually improving position with special praise for coach Willie Bell, physios George Dalton and Dave Fairhurst and chief scout Don Dorman.

Finally, the UK population were just getting their heads around decimalisation, which had come into effect just five days earlier. The cost of the obligatory 70s headwear of a bobble hat would now set fans back 42½p whilst an additional two pennies would have bought them a duffle bag from the club shop, which in those days was ingeniously called the 'Beautique'.



The team continued their unbeaten spell with a very fine draw at Hillsborough last Saturday, a feature of which was their continued ability to fight until the final whistle. Their undoubted fitness has proved so valuable in this respect.

The success of a club is achieved basically by the results of the first team and, quite naturally, the spotlight falls upon them. There are, however, many important facets of a club and many important members of a club who work extremely hard without receiving a great deal of publicity and without whom the club would cease to function in a progressive manner.

Our coaching staff, led by Willie Bell, spend a lot of time with the players, guiding them and giving them the knowledge of the game which is going to be so necessary for them in the future. I think we have been fortunate this season with injuries, but I think this is in no small measure due to the prompt and excellent treatment they have received from George Dalton and Dave Fairhurst.

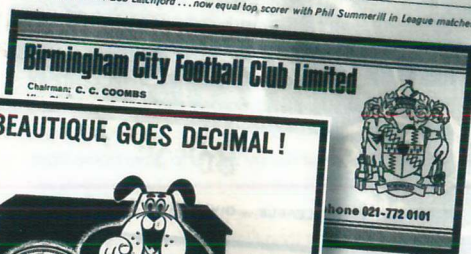
Our youth team has hogged quite a few headlines at the club recently, but they are at this club scoring the country for outstanding schoolboy players in face of very stiff competition from other clubs. There is no doubt he has done a fine job.

As with success on the field, team work is vital—and our's starts right from the top with our Chairman and the Board. Please don't think we are claiming we are successful now—I don't think any of us here will ever claim that until we have won the First Division Championship. Certainly none of us will be satisfied until we have.

YOU, OUR SUPPORTERS, ARE ALSO PART OF THE TEAM AND I CONSIDER US FORTUNATE IN HAVING SUCH AN ENTHUSIASTIC FOLLOWING.

Today we meet Bolton and we have a 3-0 defeat to wipe out. It is Gordon Taylor's old club so I suppose we ought to be a little bit thankful to them for transferring him to us. But, rest assured, that's where the thanks will end.

COVER PICTURE: Bob Latchford... now equal top scorer with Phil Summerill in League matches.



THE BEAUTIQUE GOES DECIMAL!

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Ladies Barrels	20p	2½p

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PERSONAL PORTRAIT

No. 19 Dave Latchford

FULL NAME: David Barry Latchford
BORN: Birmingham
FIRST CLUB: Blues

FIRST POSITION EVER PLAYED IN: When I was at junior school, I had a spell at centre half, but I quickly found myself between the posts and that's where I've been ever since

HONOURS: England Youth International. I was a member of the squad which lost 1-0 to Russia in the First of the Little World Cup in Turkey. I didn't actually play in that competition because Peter Skilton was holding down the position. That was a great team and we should have walked the first—but that's the way it goes sometimes

SCHOOLBOY HERO: Naturally enough, being a goalkeeper, my first two idols were 'Tiny' Withers and John Schofield

CLUB YOU FIRST SUPPORTED: Blues. When I joined the club it was a great thrill for me to rub shoulders with the heroes of my schooldays and our Schoey and 'Tiny' were later to give me considerable help with my career

YOUR IDEA OF THE PERFECT PRO: Ron Wylie. He was dedicated and 100 per cent involved in everything he did

BEST PLAYER IN YOUR POSITION: There's no doubt in my mind that there are only two candidates for this—Peter Skilton and Gordon Banks. I would like to give it to Peter, for we are good pals, but at the moment, I think Gordon has a slight edge. Peter is not far behind and has age on his side

FAVOURITE GROUND: St Andrew's. There's no other ground which gives me bigger satisfaction to play on than our own. It's only natural that being born and bred in Brum and being a Blues' supporter all my life, that I should get a great kick out of every appearance I make here

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My second senior game—the local derby clash at Villa Park. The only thing wrong with that day was the result, we should have beaten them easily. It was nice of Tommy Docherty to coin a word and say "Well Done" afterwards

COUNTRIES PLAYED IN: Turkey, Holland, France, Italy, Spain, Germany

HOBBIES: Fishing

PET HATE: Being late and being kept waiting by people who are late themselves

MUSICAL TASTE: General Pop

SUMMER SPORTS: Fishing, tennis, cricket

1970

1980

1990

2000



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

By Nick Peers

September 18

1976 **First Division** (now Premier League) **Villa 1 Blues 2**

Blues secured an early-season fillip for new manager Willie Bell with this derby victory. The visitors started strongly but after Chris Nicholl nearly sliced the ball into his own net, Villa took an undeserved lead on 13 minutes after Brian Little's cross was calamitously tapped into the path of Andy Gray by Terry Hibbitt. The Blues midfielder soon made amends, however, with a beautiful inside-out ball down the left flank for Trevor Francis to pursue. His low cross should have been dealt with by the hapless Nicholl but his fumbled clearance fell into the path of Kenny Burns to drive home from close range. Blues withstood some heavy pressure from the home side – Dave Latchford making one superb save – and then Howard Kendall seized the ball



John Connolly scored the winner against Villa in only his second game for Blues.

in midfield and set Blues off on a counter-attack. Some weak tackling allowed John Connolly – in only his second appearance for Blues – to advance down the right-hand flank. With Nicholl providing close attention, he let fly from 25 yards and earned his place in folklore as his shot flew into the net to give Blues the derby-day spoils.

1994 **Division Two** (now League One) **Blues 4** **Peterborough 0**

If you wanted to pinpoint the moment that Barry Fry's Blues started to get to grips with third-tier football, this was probably it. Yet more wheeler-dealing saw Jonathan Hunt and Gary Poole replace Dave Regis – after just six appearances – and Roger Willis, and the pair would prove pivotal in Blues' double-winning



Jose Dominguez wraps up the win over Posh 18 years ago.

success. This game, televised live, saw Blues dominate for 18 minutes without creating much before two quick-fire goals from Gary Bull and Paul Tait put Peterborough on the ropes. Bull grabbed his second on 33 minutes but after Posh briefly rallied following the interval, Fry replaced Danny Wallace with Jose Dominguez and the Portuguese wing-wizard once again turned the game, winning a penalty from which Steve Claridge hit the post before scoring a magical solo goal on 67 minutes to effectively kill the game.

2004 **Premier League** **Blues 1 Charlton 1**

Despite a radical upgrade of Blues' squad after a tenth-placed finish, the 2004/05 season started poorly. There was, however, a sense of expectation going into this home match against Charlton, particularly as the visitors had conceded four times in each of their previous away trips. The first-half was eminently forgettable with The Addicks' defence stifling Blues and calamity struck soon after the interval when Maik Taylor fumbled a Jonatan Johansson cross into the path of Luke Young who prodded home. Things got even worse after Damien Johnson was dismissed for his second yellow of the game but it was this setback that proved the catalyst for a Blues revival. His hand forced, Steve Bruce threw on David Dunn and Dwight Yorke for his home debut and it was the former's quick free-kick that won the hosts a corner from which Yorke scored – a bullet header from Muzzy Izzet's delivery. In fact, Blues could have gone on to win the game but in the end settled for a hard-fought point.



Dwight Yorke celebrates his home debut strike for Blues.

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EUROPEAN ADVENTURE

The players from our Community Trust Development Programme have recently returned from a fantastic week of pre-season training in Austria and Germany. The lads were based at Vils training ground in the Tyrolean town of Wangle which enabled them to train at altitude. It was a packed week with intense training and three tough games.

The players made a confident start by beating local side Vils 7-0. The second game of the tour meant a journey across the border to German side FC Augsburg and proved much tougher. Augsburg play in the German Bundesliga so this was a difficult assignment for the boys and the home side included four first-year pros. They were without doubt a great footballing outfit and we lost 3-1 but came out with heads high after conceding the last two goals late in the game. The biggest compliment of all was that Augsburg have invited us back next year as they felt it was an excellent workout for their players.

For the final game of the tour we played a selection of under-19 Austrian academy youngsters and our players were certainly more prepared

for the task ahead. We won 3-1 with all of the team producing good performances to put them in good spirits for the journey home.

It wasn't just football for the week, the boys also spent time swimming in the lakes for recovery and challenged themselves with an afternoon in the treetops balancing on ropes, working as a team and facing the zip wires. Overall it was a terrific experience and a great way to boost pre-season fitness levels.



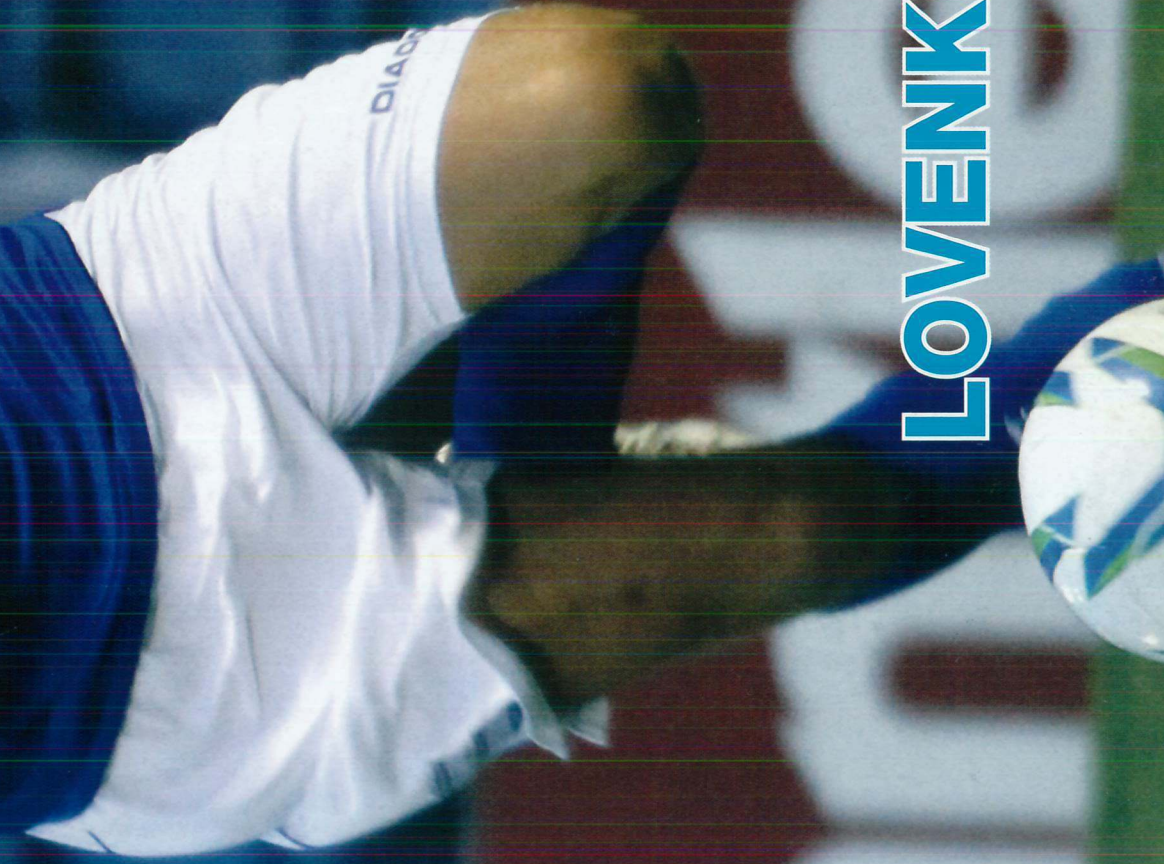
Omari Sterling-James displays impressive aerial prowess with his team-mate Luke Benbow in hot pursuit.

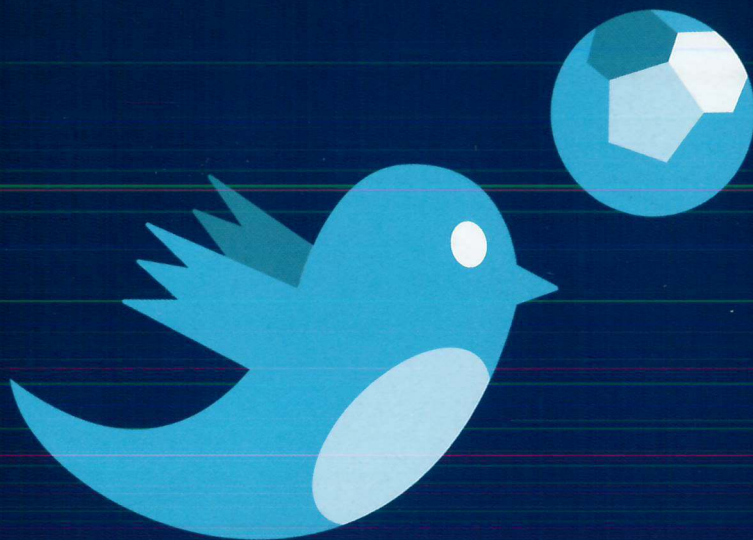


The players are put through their paces in the Austrian sun.



PETER LOVENKRANDS 11





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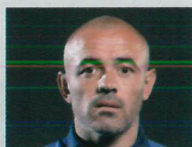


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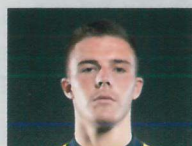
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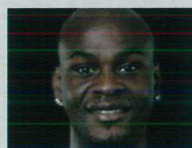


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THE BLUES LOTTO



Blues players pick ten numbers at random from a choice of 49 and answer the corresponding question. Next in the chair is striker Marlon King, who recalls his early footballing experiences growing up in England's capital city and his passion for the Portuguese-Mozambican-influenced cuisine dished up by a well-known high street restaurant chain.

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HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED BINGO?

Yes, when I went on holiday to Cyprus with my mother-in-law and father-in-law. I didn't win!

12

WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE FIRST TEAM YOU PLAYED FOR?

My first team as a junior were called London Boys. I was only seven or eight and they were a local Sunday side made up of boys from south London.



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WHO WAS YOUR HERO AS A YOUNGSTER?

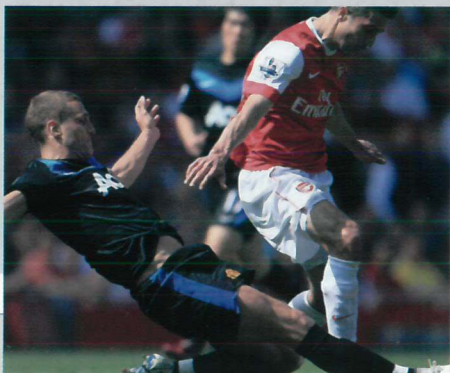
Ian Wright – I supported Arsenal because the majority of my family were Gunners fans



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WHO IS THE TOUGHEST OPPONENT YOU HAVE EVER FACED?

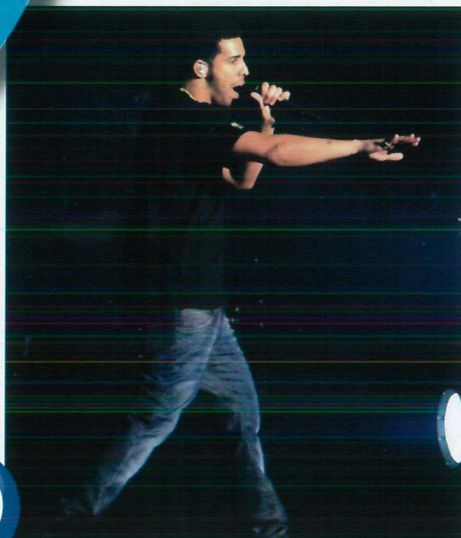
That would be the Manchester United defender Nemanja Vidic, who I've played against a few times for different clubs.



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WHAT DO YOU NORMALLY LISTEN TO IN THE CAR ON THE WAY TO TRAINING?

A lot of R&B, a bit of a house – a mixture really.



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HAVE YOU EVER SUFFERED FROM ANY PRE-MATCH NERVES?

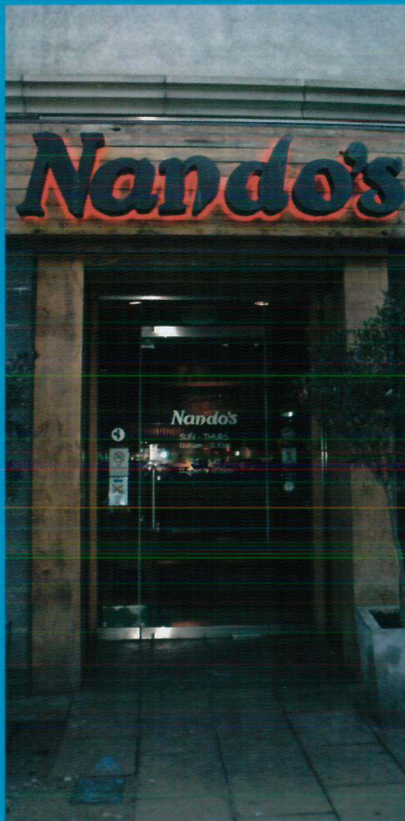
No, I suppose the only time is when you join a new team and you go to your first training session or make your debut. You always like to get that out of the way and get your first goal to help you settle.



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WHAT IS YOUR GUILTY PLEASURE WHEN IT COMES TO FOOD?

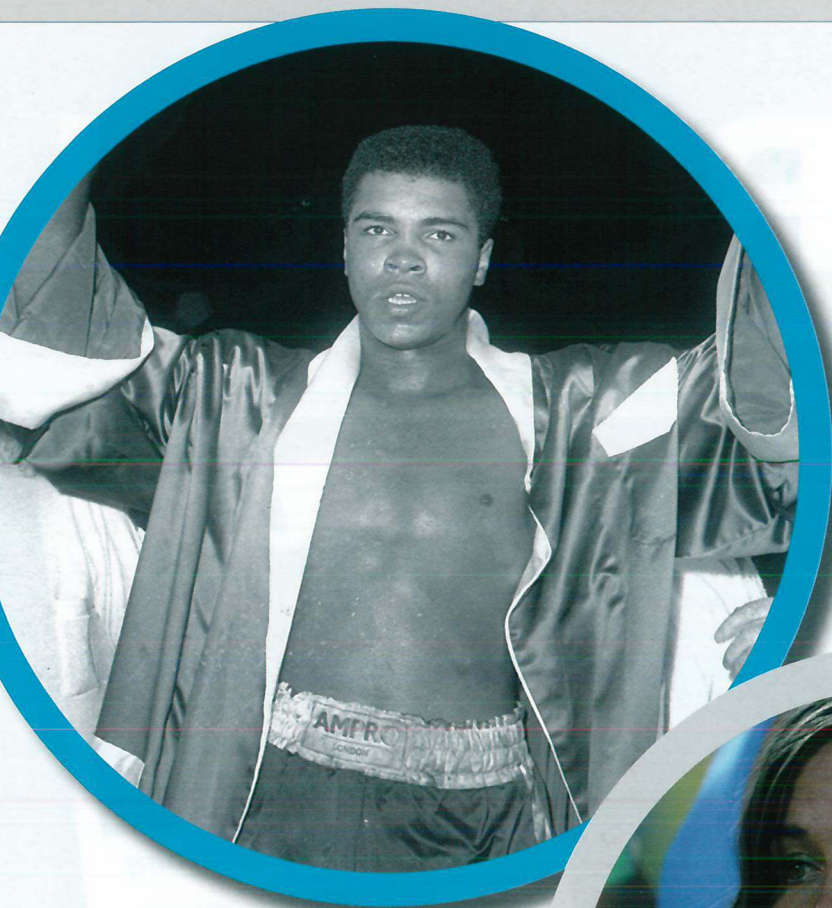
Nando's olives, although is that a guilty pleasure because it's quite healthy? Nah, let's go with Nando's peri-peri chips!



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WHAT READING MATERIAL DO YOU GO FOR WHEN YOU'VE GOT SOME TIME TO WHILE AWAY?

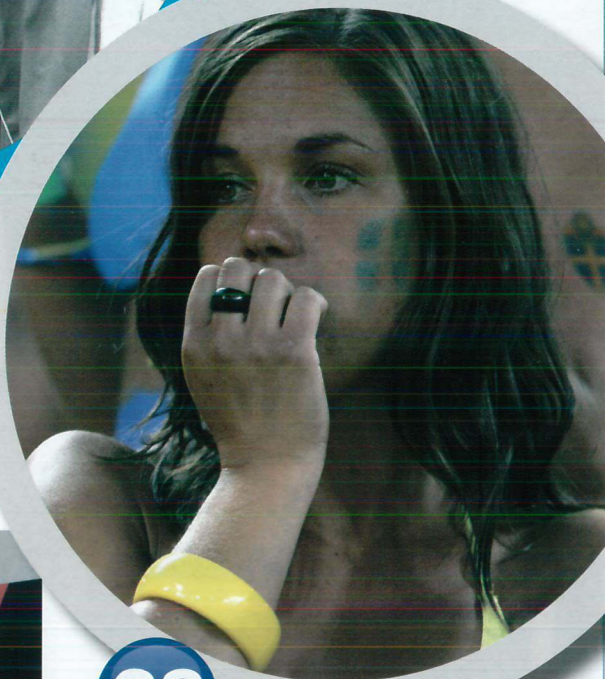
I like autobiographies - sportsmen like Muhammad Ali or pop stars like Michael Jackson and Frank Sinatra - any interesting people. The last book I read was Ashley Cole's autobiography.



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WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D HAVE DONE IF YOU HADN'T BECOME A FOOTBALLER?

Umm, what I would be doing? I'm not sure, probably in the property game.



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DO YOU HAVE ANY BAD HABITS?

Not really, biting my nails probably. I do that when I've got time on my hands!

BLUES THROUGH AND THROUGH

FANS' MESSAGES AND PHOTOS

This is your chance to surprise a friend or relative with a birthday message and photo in Blues News. It doesn't just have to be birthdays! Maybe there is a new Bluenose that has just been born in your family? Perhaps someone you know is coming to their first ever Blues game or has recently attended their first match?

Whatever it is, just send a short message, with a photo, to: sarah.gould@bcfc.com; or write to

Sarah Gould,
Noticeboard,
Birmingham City Football Club,
St. Andrew's Stadium,
Birmingham B9 4RL.

Don't forget to mention if there is a particular programme you would like the greeting to be included in.

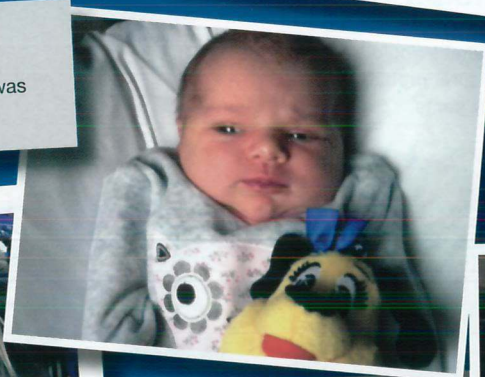


CLOCKING UP THE HALF CENTURY

A belated happy birthday to Steve O'Brien from Castle Bromwich who clocked up the big '5-0' on August 23. A lifelong Blues fan and a Tilton Road season ticket holder of almost 20 years standing, Steve is pictured here with his son Chris celebrating Blues' Wembley win over Arsenal.

NEW BLUE & BELLE

Welcome to the world little Isabelle, a new baby sister for George, who was born on 19 August 2012

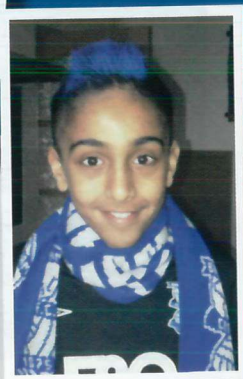


MAD BLUE

Happy 11th birthday Natalie, a season ticket holder and mad Bluenose, love Mom, Mick, Kyle and Louise xxx

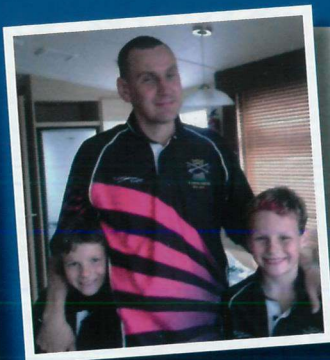
LIAM'S DAY

Happy 14th birthday for today to Liam from his mom, dad, brother Sean and everyone at the Blues, particularly his favourite players who are Keith Fahey and Chris Burke.



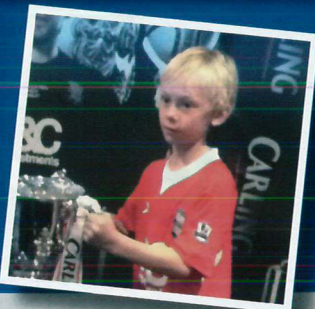
THANKS FROM A POSH FAN

Peterborough fan Mark Rix would like to pass on his thanks to an unknown kind-hearted Bluenose. Mark attended the game at St. Andrew's on September 1 with his six-year-old son Sam but lost his match tickets between parking his car and arriving at St. Andrew's. He went to the ticket office only to discover that a Birmingham supporter had found them and handed them in. Mark adds: "We got in late - just in time to see the Blues goal (sadly!), but the day was saved. I would just like to express my thanks to the person who handed them in."



JIMMY'S BIRTHDAY TREAT

Jimmy celebrated his 11th birthday on August 20 and had a great day at the Blues game against Charlton, when he also managed to get a picture with Blues Ladies star Karen Carney. Jimmy plays football himself for Castle JFC under-12s in the Tamworth Junior League.



ROBERT THE BLUE

Happy 21st to Robert for September 10 love Mum & Dad xx



TOP BLUE

Happy tenth birthday to number one Bluenose Kieran, love from all the family.



THE BLUE BROTHERS

Happy 16th birthday to Kieran, pictured here with his little brother Callum, from Mum, Dad, Sophie, Ryan and Callum.



FAREWELL TO STEVE

Bluenose Steve Davies sadly passed away on September 3 at the age of just 57 following a short illness. Steve, who lived in Sutton, was a lifelong Blues fan. Over the past ten years, he was a great help to the club by acting as a volunteer administrator on the official message board. He gave up his time for no reward other than to assist other supporters and 'do his bit'. He will be sadly missed by his daughter Charlotte, as well friends Steve and Noel, plus his fellow administrators and users of the bcfc.com message board. RIP Steve 'Willie' Davies, you were one of the good guys and won't be forgotten. Keep Right On.

* Steve is pictured here with Charlotte at the 2011 Carling Cup final.

LUCKY MASCOT

William was one of our lucky mascots for the first home league game of the season against Charlton. As the booking was made at the last minute, William missed out on having his photo in Blues News so we're only too happy to put the record straight by giving him his moment in the limelight in today's programme. William is pictured here on the pitch on his big day alongside Beau and Belle.

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TrueBlue JUNIORS

BEAU'S DIARY

Hi everyone and welcome back to St. Andrew's for this evening's game against Bolton Wanderers.

Many of you will have started back at school this month so I hope you're all into the swing of things. It takes me back to my days as a young pup at obedience classes. I remember one occasion when I was desperately in need of the toilet. I shouted to the teacher: "I need a pee!" "Ok," she replied, "but first let me hear you say the alphabet." I responded: "A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y and Z." "Very good," said the teacher, "except where is the P?" "Halfway down my leg," I told her!

I'm glad I don't have to go to classes any more – I now have my pedigree!

A friend of mine was having trouble getting up in time for school so he asked me to call on him early in the morning and he gave me a key to his house. The next morning I let myself in and headed upstairs to his bedroom. "Come on, pal, it's time to go to school," I shouted. "But I don't want to go," came his response. "Give me two reasons why you don't want to go," I asked him. "Well, the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me, too," he replied. "Oh, that's no reason not to go to school. Come on now and get ready," I told him. "Give me two reasons why I should go to school," he insisted. "Well," I said. "For one, you're 52 years old. And for another, you're the headmaster!"

Anyway, on to Blues matters and if you haven't signed up for the new True Blue Juniors Club, what are you waiting for! It only costs £5 – and free if you're a season ticket holder – turn to page 57 for more details.

Now, let's get right behind the boys tonight. C'mon you Blues!

Beau



EARLY SEASON GALLERY

Thanks to all junior Bluenoses who have turned out to cheer on the team in our first few home games. Here are just a few of you captured in action.



BEAU'S FOOTIE QUIZ

FIND OUT HOW YOU RATE ON THE BEAU-OMETER OF FOOTBALL KNOWLEDGE!
WHOSE HOME?

So you think you know everything there is to know about football, eh? Well here is your chance to prove it with Beau's Footie Quiz. Work out the answers or solutions to the following quizzes and puzzles and then tot up your total at the end to see how you rate on the Beau-ometer! To add a competitive edge, why not challenge the person sitting next to you and see who gets the highest score? The answers can be found at the bottom of page 55.

Which Barclays Premier League club plays here? Award yourself one point for the club and an extra point for naming the ground.

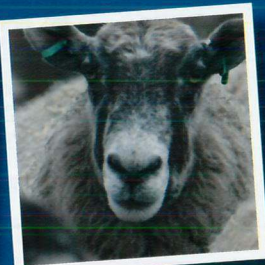


MY SCORE: 2

PICTURE PUZZLE

Identify the name of a football club from the following picture clues?
Get two points for a correct answer.

MY SCORE: 2



JUMBLED UP

Unscramble these anagrams to reveal the names of a Blues and Bolton player. You get one point for each.

BLUES - DEMAND ANT HORN
BOLTON - JAPAN IS GREY

MY SCORE: 2

FLAG BEARER

Connect Nikola Zigic with the flag of the country that he represents from the three choices below. Get two points for selecting Nikola's correct flag and one point each for naming the countries whose flags are shown here.



a.



b.



c.

MY SCORE: 5

COMMON LINK

MY SCORE: 5

Name these three current or former footballers – you get one point for each you get right. And they all have something in common – so for two extra points, how are they linked?



a.



b.



c.

HANGMAN

MY SCORE: 2

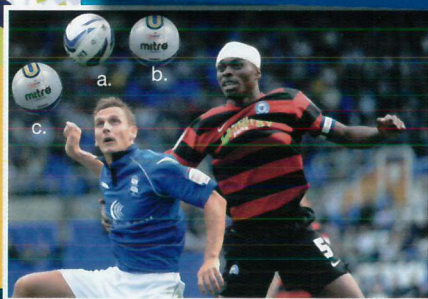
Fill in the missing letters to complete the names of a player from each of today's squads. Get one point for each.

BLUES - _ _ _ U _ / _ _ _ D _ _ S
PETERBOROUGH - _ _ A _ _ N / _ _ T _ O _

MULTI-BALL

Here is an action shot from Blues' win over Peterborough. Which one of these balls is in the correct position? Get two points for the correct answer.

MY SCORE: 2



QUICKFIRE FIVE

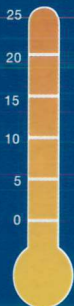
Get one point for each question you answer correctly

- Jonathan Spector has just returned from international duty with which country?
- Blues' assistant manager Terry McDermott won the European Cup (the original name for the Champions League) three times with which club?
- Former Blues player Robin Shroot is currently the top scorer for which League One outfit?
- Who has now been credited with scoring Blues' winning goal against Peterborough in the last match here at St. Andrew's?
- Kevin Phillips bagged the first goal of the game when Blues last met Bolton here at St. Andrew's in a Premier League match in April 2011. But who scored the decisive second goal in Blues' 2-1 win?

MY SCORE: 5

THE BEAU-OMETER

TOTAL SCORE: 25



- 25 Top marks – you can't get any better than that. Unbelievable Jeff!
- 21-24 Excellent – you clearly know your stuff!
- 16-20 Good performance – you can feel pleased but don't rest on your laurels.
- 6-15 Not a bad effort but you can do better – a few more visits to bcfc.com required!
- 0-5 Must do better – watch less cartoons and more football!

Whose Home?: Swansea City (Liberty Stadium); Picture Puzzle: Torquay United; Jumbled Up: Nathan Redmond (Blues) and Jay Sparring (Bolton); Common Link: (a) Stephen Ireland, (b) Jason Scotland, (c) Alan Brazil – their surname is a country; Flag Bearer: B is Nikola's flag. The flags shown are (a) Russia, (b) Serbia and (c) France; Hangman: Paul Caddis (Blues) and Martin Petrov (Bolton); Quickfire Five: 1. USA, 2. Liverpool, 3. Stevenage, 4. Wade Elliott, 5. Craig Gardner; Multi-ball: a

ANSWERS:

TODAY'S MASCOTS

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JOSEPH BOLTON MASCOT



JOKE CORNER

**WHAT IS SHORT, GREEN AND GOES CAMPING?
A BOY SPROUT!**

**HOW DID THE DUCK PAY FOR LUNCH?
HE PUT IT ON HIS BILL!**

**DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE ANGRY FLEA?
HE WAS HOPPING MAD!**

**DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE THIEF WHO STOLE A CALENDAR?
HE GOT 12 MONTHS!**

**WHAT DO YOU CALL A WOMAN WITH A RADIATOR ON HER HEAD?
ANITA!**

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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Lee Clark

Played 4 Won 1 Drawn 1 Lost 2 For 4
Against 6

Av Pts/game 1.00

Biggest Win(s) Birmingham 1
Peterboro 0 (01/09/2012).

Biggest Loss(es) Watford 2
Birmingham 0 (25/08/2012).

Owen Coyle

Played 100 Won 29 Drawn 20 Lost 51
For 119 Against 171

Av Pts/game 1.07

Biggest Win(s) Bolton 5 Stoke 0
(06/11/2011). **Biggest Loss(es)**
Bolton 0 Man Utd 5 (10/09/2011).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played...0 Lee Clark0 Owen Coyle.....0
Goals 0 Goals 0

Player with the most... shots

Marlon
King 8

shots on target

Marlon
King 6

shots off target

Christopher
Burke 5

assists

Darren
Ambrose 1

crosses

Christopher
Burke 12

fouls

Hayden
Mullins 6

free-kicks-won

Steven
Caldwell 7



Player with the most... shots

Chris
Eagles 14

shots on target

Chris
Eagles 8

shots off target

Marvin
Sordell 6

assists

Kevin
Davies 2

crosses

Chris
Eagles 12

fouls

Kevin
Davies 7

free-kicks-won

Kevin
Davies 8

GAMES SINCE

0	a win	3
0	a home win	1
7	an away win	5
1	a defeat	0
9	a home defeat	3
0	an away defeat	0
4	a score draw	2
26	a no score draw	22
1	conceding a goal	0
0	scoring a goal	0
1	conceding > 1	0
1	scoring > 1	2
0	keeping a clean sheet	3
2	failing to score	4
13	back to back wins	15
1	back to back defeats	0
0	gaining a point	2
1	losing a point	0
5	win by > one	3
2	loss by > one	0

SHARP SHOOTERS

Birmingham	FL Cup	Tot	Bolton	FL Cup	Tot
Nikola Zigic	2	0 2	Chris Eagles	3	0 3
Marlon King	1	1 2	Kevin Davies	1	0 1
Peter Lovenkrands	0	2 2	Marvin Sordell	1	0 1

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played.. 116	Birmingham wins38	Bolton wins.....46
Draws32	Goals 158 (1.4 per game)	Goals 186 (1.6 per game)
0-0's..... 11	Times failed to score 33	Times failed to score 29

Biggest League win at Birmingham for each team:

04/04/1927 Birmingham 6-1 Bolton

26/03/1906 & 19/03/1960 Birmingham 2-5 Bolton

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LEAGUE STATS



21	Position	20
4	Played	4
1	Won	1
1	Drawn	1
2	Lost	2
4	Goals For	5
6	Goals Against	7
4	Points	4



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	0	1	21	0	1	1	14

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	1	1	13	1	0	1	18

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	0	0	17	1	0	1	21

Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	1	2	13	0	1	1	9

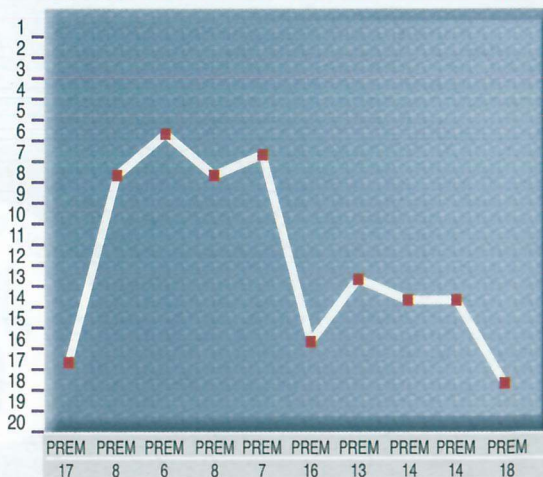
Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[1], Losses: 0-2[1], 2-3[1],
Draws: 1-1[1]

Wins: 2-0[1], Losses: 0-2[1], 1-3[1],
Draws: 2-2[1]

BOLTON - TEN SEASON RECORD

02/03 03/04 04/05 05/06 06/07 07/08 08/09 09/10 10/11 11/12



*up to and including 12/09/2012

TODAY'S VISITORS

by Jack Burrell

INTRODUCTION TO OUR OPPOSITION



Bolton Wanderers will be aiming for an immediate return to the top flight this season following a disastrous 2012. Owen Coyle's side struggled from the outset last term and looked destined for relegation for the majority of 2011/12. However, football took a huge backseat at the Reebok Stadium from March onwards following the collapse of former Blues favourite Fabrice Muamba at White Hart Lane in an FA Cup tie. The cardiac arrest suffered by the hugely talented England under-21 international saw world football unite and put the importance of football into perspective. On the pitch it got worse for Bolton – on the final day of the season a 2-2 draw at Stoke wasn't enough to save them from relegation to the npower Championship.

The Trotters have managed to keep the spine of their team from last season together, despite losing some notable players such as Jussi Jaaskelainen, Ivan Klasnic and Nigel Reo-Coker. Coyle has delved into the transfer market and brought former Reading captain Matt Mills to the Reebok from Leicester City, highly-rated midfielder Keith Andrews from West Brom as well as securing the loan signing of Arsenal youngster Benik Afobe. Before the transfer window closed at the end of last month, the Bolton boss was also able to make another temporary addition to his ranks in the form of Liverpool youth product Jay Spearing.

The Lancashire side will be looking for a vast improvement on their away form after suffering three successive defeats on their travels so far. They came off second best against local rivals Burnley on the opening day and also lost to Hull City at the KC Stadium last time out. Making up the trio of away trip reversals was an embarrassing Capital One Cup exit at the hands of newly-promoted League One outfit Crawley Town. Bolton's first success came in their second game at home to Derby County when Chris Eagles and Kevin Davies found the net in a 2-0 win. Former Manchester United trainee Eagles has been in fine scoring fettle with three goals already to his name. And they ended a three-game winless run with last weekend's 2-1 home victory over Watford courtesy of a first club goal for Mills and Davies' close-range effort.



Kevin Davies celebrates scoring his side's opening goal in the win over Derby

VISITORS' VERSE

by Barry Hayes

COYLE'S IN CHARGE WHERE ONCE HE PLAYED;
HIS CHANCE FOR STARDOM TWICE.
THE TASK RIGHT NOW IS PROMOTION;
BUT NOT AT ANY PRICE?

TO PLAY THEIR WAY BACK TO THE TOP
MAY NEED SOME COMPROMISE.
THE 'OLD LONG BALL' TO KEV MAY WORK;
BUT NOT NOW PLEASE THE EYES.

IN '23 THEY WON THE CUP;
WITH JACK AND SMITH AND CO.
A HORSE THAT DAY TOO STRODE THE STAGE;
IN BOLTON'S WHITE ALSO.

TODAY'S VISITORS

by Barry Hayes

THE TROTTERS HISTORY



Nat Lofthouse kisses the FA Cup that his goals helped to secure in the 1958 final

Against a religious and educational background, Bolton Wanderers were originally formed in 1874 as Christ Church FC. Three years later they were renamed as we know them today. In 1888 the club became founder members of The Football League and have remained a prominent player in the divisional set-up ever since.

Between 1895 and 1997, Bolton played their home matches at Burnden Park. Prior to that, as the title 'Wanderers' implies, the club hosted games at a number of different locations. In 1997 they moved to their current home of the Reebok Stadium. The current ground, which linking in with the

past has a postal address of Burnden Way, holds just over 28,000.

The maximum attendance officially recorded at Burnden Park was just under 70,000 for an FA Cup fixture in 1933 against near-neighbours Manchester City. However, in 1946, for Bolton's quarter final tie in the same competition against Stoke City an estimated 85,000 - many drawn by the attraction of seeing Stanley Matthews playing for the visitors - were inside the stadium when disaster struck due to overcrowding. Two steel crush barriers collapsed and 33 fans were crushed to death with many also injured. After a break of 30 minutes the match was allowed to continue.

On a happier note, the artist LS Lowry painted Bolton fans on their way to Burnden Park in his famous 1953 composition entitled 'Going To The Match'. In 1999, The PFA bought the picture for £1.9m.

Excluding this current campaign, The Trotters have enjoyed top-flight status for all but 40 seasons of their long league history but they have never won the most prized title of all as champions of England's highest echelon. Their best finish was third in the old Division One at the end of the 1891/92 and the 1920/21 seasons.

Bolton's last major success was their FA Cup final win over Manchester United in 1958, which came courtesy of a brace from the legendary Nat Lofthouse who

played for The Trotters for his whole career scoring a club record 255 goals. The club's most productive spell was during the 1920s when they won the same knockout competition on three occasions - in 1923, 1926 and 1929. The 1923 final was the first held at the old Wembley Stadium. An impressive and slightly unusual related statistic - they didn't concede a single goal in each of their four FA Cup final triumphs.

Bolton have this season returned to football's second tier for the first time since the 2000/01 season. The Lancashire club were last champions at this level in 1996/97, as well as earning promotion through the play-offs four years later.

LAST TIME OUT V WATFORD (NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP SAT 15 SEP 2012)



BLUES V BOLTON - POST-WAR RECORD

Premier League	02 Apr 2011	Blues	2-1	Bolton
FA Cup	12 Mar 2011	Blues	2-3	Bolton
Premier League	29 Aug 2010	Bolton	2-2	Blues
Premier League	09 May 2010	Bolton	2-1	Blues
Premier League	26 Sep 2009	Blues	1-2	Bolton
Premier League	22 Dec 2007	Bolton	3-0	Blues
Premier League	15 Sep 2007	Blues	1-0	Bolton
Premier League	07 May 2006	Bolton	1-0	Blues
Premier League	04 Apr 2006	Blues	1-0	Bolton
Premier League	04 Jan 2005	Blues	1-2	Bolton
Premier League	25 Sep 2004	Bolton	1-1	Blues
Premier League	06 Mar 2004	Blues	2-0	Bolton
Premier League	25 Oct 2003	Bolton	0-1	Blues
Premier League	01 Feb 2003	Bolton	4-2	Blues
Premier League	02 Nov 2002	Blues	3-1	Bolton
Division 1 (2nd tier)	13 Apr 2001	Bolton	2-2	Blues
Division 1 (2nd tier)	04 Nov 2000	Blues	1-1	Bolton
Division 1 (2nd tier)	12 Feb 2000	Blues	2-1	Bolton
Division 1 (2nd tier)	05 Oct 1999	Bolton	3-3	Blues
Division 1 (2nd tier)	21 Feb 1999	Blues	0-0	Bolton
Division 1 (2nd tier)	12 Sep 1998	Bolton	3-1	Blues
Division 1 (2nd tier)	01 Feb 1997	Bolton	2-1	Blues
Division 1 (2nd tier)	13 Nov 1996	Blues	3-1	Bolton
Division 1 (2nd tier)	30 Apr 1994	Bolton	1-1	Blues
Division 1 (2nd tier)	19 Oct 1993	Blues	2-1	Bolton
Division 3 (old)	14 Apr 1992	Blues	2-1	Bolton
Division 3 (old)	17 Mar 1992	Bolton	1-1	Blues
Division 3 (old)	07 Apr 1991	Bolton	3-1	Blues
Division 3 (old)	29 Dec 1990	Blues	1-3	Bolton
Division 3 (old)	24 Feb 1990	Bolton	3-1	Blues
Division 3 (old)	25 Nov 1989	Blues	1-0	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	21 Nov 1978	Blues	3-0	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	02 Sep 1978	Bolton	2-2	Blues
Division 2 (old)	20 Feb 1971	Blues	4-0	Bolton
Division 2 (old)	21 Nov 1970	Bolton	3-0	Blues
Division 2 (old)	24 Feb 1970	Blues	2-0	Bolton
Division 2 (old)	06 Sep 1969	Bolton	2-0	Blues
Division 2 (old)	25 Mar 1969	Blues	5-0	Bolton
Division 2 (old)	23 Nov 1968	Bolton	0-0	Blues
Division 2 (old)	16 Dec 1967	Bolton	1-1	Blues
Division 2 (old)	19 Aug 1967	Blues	4-0	Bolton
Division 2 (old)	01 Apr 1967	Blues	2-2	Bolton
Division 2 (old)	05 Nov 1966	Bolton	3-1	Blues
Division 2 (old)	19 Mar 1966	Blues	0-1	Bolton
Division 2 (old)	25 Sep 1965	Bolton	1-2	Blues
Division 1 (old)	14 Dec 1963	Bolton	0-2	Blues
Division 1 (old)	24 Aug 1963	Blues	2-1	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	24 Apr 1963	Bolton	0-0	Blues
Division 1 (old)	03 Apr 1963	Blues	2-2	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	17 Feb 1962	Bolton	3-2	Blues
Division 1 (old)	30 Sep 1961	Blues	2-1	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	17 Dec 1960	Blues	2-2	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	20 Aug 1960	Bolton	2-2	Blues
Division 1 (old)	19 Mar 1960	Blues	2-5	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	12 Dec 1959	Bolton	4-1	Blues
Division 1 (old)	08 Apr 1959	Blues	1-3	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	06 Sep 1958	Bolton	2-0	Blues
Division 1 (old)	08 Mar 1958	Bolton	1-0	Blues
Division 1 (old)	26 Oct 1957	Blues	5-1	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	20 Feb 1957	Bolton	3-1	Blues
Division 1 (old)	06 Oct 1956	Blues	0-0	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	21 Apr 1956	Blues	5-2	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	10 Dec 1955	Bolton	6-0	Blues
FA Cup	29 Jan 1955	Blues	2-1	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	18 Feb 1950	Bolton	1-0	Blues
Division 1 (old)	01 Oct 1949	Blues	0-0	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	05 Mar 1949	Blues	0-0	Bolton
Division 1 (old)	09 Oct 1948	Bolton	0-0	Blues



MANAGER OWEN COYLE

BORN: Paisley (Scotland),
14 July 1966

PLAYING CAREER

1985-88 Dumbarton
1988-90 Clydebank
1990-93 Airdrieonians
1993-95 Bolton Wanderers
1995-97 Dundee United
1997-99 Motherwell
1999-01 Dunfermline Athletic
2000-01 Ross County (loan)
2001-02 Airdrieonians
2002-03 Falkirk
2003-04 Dundee United
2003-04 Airdrie (loan)
2004-05 Airdrie United
2005-07 St. Johnstone

HONOURS

With Republic of Ireland: 1
senior international cap 1994
With Airdrieonians: Scottish
Challenge Cup winners 2002
With Falkirk: Scottish First
Division winners 2003
With Airdrie United: Scottish
Second Division winners 2004

MANAGEMENT CAREER

2003 Falkirk
2005-07 St. Johnstone
2007-10 Burnley
2010-now Bolton Wanderers

HONOURS

With Burnley: Championship
play-off winners 2009

HEAD TO HEAD

BLUES WINS

DRAWS

BOLTON WINS



TODAY'S VISITORS

By Jack Burrell

A TO Z OF THE BOLTON SQUAD



BENIK AFOBE

Born: 12/02/93, London
Previous Clubs: Arsenal, Huddersfield, Reading
2012/13 Apps/Gls: 1(5)/1
Arsenal youngster who joined on a season-long loan in August, the teenage striker opened his Bolton account in his side's 2-1 Capital One Cup defeat to Crawley Town to add to the eight goals that he scored during a 35-game spell at then League One outfit Huddersfield in 2010/11.

MARCOS ALONSO

Born: 28/12/90, Madrid
Previous Clubs: Real Madrid
2012/13 Apps/Gls: 2/0
Alonso comes from a rich footballing family – his grandfather played for Real Madrid and his father turned out for Barcelona – but the former Spanish youth international is yet to make his mark in English football with only a handful of appearances in his two years so far at Bolton.



KEITH ANDREWS

Born: 13/09/80, Dublin
Previous Clubs: Wolves, Oxford Utd, Stoke City, Walsall, Hull City, MK Dons, Blackburn, Ipswich Town (loan), West Brom
2012/13 Apps/Gls: 6/0
Having secured a six-month contract at West Brom last January following some stand-out performances during a loan stint at Portman Road during the first half of last season, the Republic of Ireland international midfielder clocked up 14 top-flight appearances

for the Baggies but was released in the summer when he linked up with tonight's visitors.



ADAM BOGDAN

Born: 27/09/87, Budapest (Hungary)
Previous Clubs: Vasas, Vecses (loan), Crewe Alexandra (loan)
2012/13 Apps/Gls: 5/0
The 24-year-old Hungarian keeper secured the number one jersey for both Bolton and Hungary last season and he is guaranteed to continue between the sticks this term with Trotters legend Jussi Jaaskalainen leaving the Reebok in the summer to team up with former boss Sam Allardyce at West Ham United.

KEVIN DAVIES

Born: 26/03/77, Sheffield
Previous Clubs: Chesterfield, Southampton, Blackburn, Millwall (loan)
2012/13 Apps/Gls: 5(1)/1
Highly experienced striker who offers a huge presence in the Bolton attack – effective both in the air and on the floor, his performances in recent seasons have resulted in him receiving his first England call-up. The club captain is now in his tenth season with The Trotters and has made over 350 appearances for the club.

MARK DAVIES

Born: 18/02/88, Wolverhampton
Previous Clubs: Wolves, Leicester City (loan)
2012/13 Apps/Gls: 6/0
Bolton's Players' Player of the Season



last campaign – Davies made 50 appearances netting four times during his side's relegation season, the former Wolves midfielder represented England up to under-19 level.



CHRIS EAGLES

Born: 19/11/85, Hemel Hempstead
Previous Clubs: Manchester Utd, Watford (loan), Sheff Wed (loan), N.E.C. (loan), Burnley
2012/13 Apps/Gls: 5(1)/3
Former Manchester United midfielder who played a prominent role in Burnley's promotion season under Bolton manager Owen Coyle, he teamed up with his old boss again at the Reebok in 2011 and is leading the way in the scoring charts this term with three goals.

ZAT KNIGHT

Born: 02/05/80, Solihull
Previous Clubs: Fulham, Peterborough (loan), Aston Villa
2012/13 Apps/Gls: 6/0
Solihull-born defender who was spotted playing non-league football by Fulham, he later switched to Aston Villa before joining Bolton in 2009 and has since made 115 appearances for The Trotters bagging two goals.

CHUNG-YONG LEE

Born: 02/07/88, Seoul, South Korea
Previous Clubs: FC Seoul

2012/13 Apps/Gls: 4/0

South Korea international winger who missed nearly all of 2011/12 after breaking his leg in pre-season but did feature briefly towards the end as Bolton relinquished their top-flight mantle, he has played in four games so far this term.

ANDY LONERGAN

Born: 19/10/83, Preston

Previous Clubs: Preston North End, Darlington (loan), Blackpool (loan), Wycombe (loan), Swindon (loan), Leeds Utd

2012/13 Apps/Gls: 1/0

Experienced keeper who spent more than a decade at Preston before linking up with Leeds in 2011 but the arrival of Paddy Kenny this summer knocked him down the Elland Road pecking order and sparked his summer switch to Bolton, where he has been forced to bide his time as number two to Bogdan so far.

TYRONE MEARS

Born: 18/02/83, Oldham

Previous Clubs: Manchester City, Preston North End, West Ham Utd, Derby County, Marseille, Burnley

2012/13 Apps/Gls: 5/0

Right-back joined from Lancashire rivals Burnley in the same deal that brought midfielder Chris Eagles to the Reebok Stadium but unfortunately a broken leg forced him to miss virtually the whole of his debut season as a Wanderer.

MATT MILLS

Born: 14/07/86, Leicester

Previous Clubs: Southampton, Coventry (loan), Bournemouth (loan), Manchester City, Colchester (loan), Doncaster (loan), Reading, Leicester

2012/13 Apps/Gls: 3/0

Recruited from the King Power Stadium during the summer, the former Leicester and Reading captain will be hoping to finish the match this afternoon unlike his previous visit to St. Andrew's when he saw red for a two-footed lunge during Blues' 2-0 win over the Foxes last season.

DAVID N'GOG

Born: 01/04/89, Gennevilliers, France

Previous Clubs: Paris Saint Germain, Liverpool

2012/13 Apps/Gls: 1/0

French striker who missed the majority of pre-season and the early part of the current campaign with a back injury, the former Liverpool man is now back to fitness and will be aiming to hit the ground running.

MARTIN PETROV

Born: 15/01/79, Vratsa, Bulgaria

Previous Clubs: Botev Vratsa, CSKA Sofia, Servette, Wolfsburg, Atletico Madrid, Manchester City

2012/13 Apps/Gls: 2/0

Pacy winger brought to this country by former England manager Sven Goran Eriksson, the Bulgarian international has the ability to glide past defenders almost effortlessly and also possesses a rocket of a left foot capable of supplying and scoring spectacular goals.

DARREN PRATLEY

Born: 22/04/85

Previous Clubs: Fulham, Brentford, Swansea City

2012/13 Apps/Gls: 0(3)/0

Pratley helped guide Swansea City to the promised land of the Premier League in 2011, memorably scoring from inside his own half in the play-off semi-final second leg against Nottingham Forest, but made the switch to the Reebok soon afterwards.

TIM REAM

Born: 05/10/87, Missouri, USA

Previous Clubs: Chicago Fire Premier, New York Red Bulls

2012/13 Apps/Gls: 3/0

A January 2012 signing brought in to replace England centre-back Gary Cahill – the USA international defender cancelled his honeymoon in order for his transfer to go through from New York Red Bulls.



SAM RICKETTS

Born: 11/10/81, Aylesbury

Previous Clubs: Oxford Utd, Nuneaton (loan), Telford, Swansea City, Hull City

2012/13 Apps/Gls: 4/0

The Wales international defender's minutes on the pitch have been limited during the last two seasons due to a snapped Achilles tendon but, after signing a new deal with the club this summer, he has featured regularly in the npower Championship for Bolton.



MARVIN SORDELL

Born: 17/02/91, Pinner (London)

Previous Clubs: Watford, Wealdstone

(loan), Tranmere Rovers (loan)

2012/13 Apps/Gls: 3(2)/1

Part of Team GB's men's football squad, the striker has found it hard to hold down a first-team place in Coyle's side since leaving Watford last January but the Olympian finally broke his goal duck in his side's 2-2 draw with Nottingham Forest earlier this season.

JAY SPEARING

Born: 25/11/88, Wallasey

Previous Clubs: Liverpool

2012/13 Apps/Gls: 3(2)/0

Spearing joined Bolton from Liverpool on loan on the final day of the recent transfer window, having struggled to force his way into new Anfield boss Brendan Rodgers' plans following the arrival of Joe Allen.

JOSH VELA

Born: 14/12/93, Salford

Previous Clubs: Bolton

2012/13 Apps/Gls: 1/0

A product of Bolton's academy, the versatile midfielder signed his first professional contract in March and made his debut the following month in a 1-1 draw with Swansea City.

GREGG WYLDE

Born: 23/03/91, Kirkintilloch, Scotland

Previous Clubs: Glasgow Rangers

2012/13 Apps/Gls: 0/0

Midfielder who moved to the Reebok from Rangers in March having volunteered to have his Ibrox contract terminated and waive any redundancy payment when the Scottish giants went into administration in early 2012, he is yet to make his Bolton bow.

VISITORS

ALL-TIME XI

A TEAM OF BOLTON HEROES AND VILLAINS



MATT KILLEEN PICKS A DEFIANTLY BIZARRE 'BEST OF' SQUAD, BECAUSE BEING INTERESTING BEATS BEING GOOD.



1) IAN WALKER

The career of a keeper can suddenly acquire the trajectory of a feeding kingfisher and only the very best re-emerge from the depths. It might be a Manchester United debut, a bobble, a slip or a moment's miscalculation but for Wright, Weaver, Walker and the rest confidence from within, or without, had all the permanence of a soap bubble. One minute you've got the nod in a vital World Cup qualifier, clearly the first of many caps at international level as David Seaman's natural replacement. You're an automatic first choice for your top-flight club and appearing on MTV Cribs. All it took was one shot from Zola to end all that.

2) MATT TAYLOR

Many beautiful set pieces and penalties, one of which relegated us in 2006. However he was one of the few Pompey players that year who

wasn't bought with money it turns out they never had.



3) PETER BARNES

My mum was a Blue Manc and the day that Malcolm Alison sold Barnes in 1979 a little piece of her died and never came back.



4) PETER REID

Even in his pomp he looked old and he never seemed more geriatric than in that brief and disconsolate trot he managed in Maradona's wake in 1986.



5) SAM ALLARDYCE

There was a time when Sam was a kind of anti-hero, making a difficult-to-beat silk purse from a sow's ear of Greek defenders in the face of the multi-millionaire Premier League onslaught. They messed with Arsenal a few too many times for my liking, gifting Man United an undeserved championship in 2003, but that was just a side-effect of all that resilience. So where did it all go wrong? It wasn't pretty, but a Blues fan can't complain about that after the Alex McLeish era and Barcelona-style sickness brings its own tedium. What did for Sam was his unreasonable self-regard. First he was too big for Bolton, a clear case of suddenly undersized boots. Then he alienated the Geordies with a festival of haughty disrespect. Suddenly everyone else was the problem and he could 'win the Champions League easily' if he was manager of Real Madrid. Did he learn any humility from nearly blowing promotion with West Ham? Doubtful.



6) IVÁN CAMPO

Campo and his comedy hair going from the Bernabéu to the Reebok - undoubtedly one of the most bizarre moves ever, right up with Alberto Tarantini's switch to Blues from Boca. It's difficult to think of a more dramatic change of playing style. He said he preferred living in Bolton to Madrid and I'd agree, but he's Basque so that might have been political.

7) DEAN & DAVID HOLDSWORTH

One of them played for us, one of them missed a sitter in the FA Cup semi-final against Villa. The same person? Different people? Who is the evil twin? As time goes on it gets less important.



8) STELIOS GIANNAKOPOULOS

The living embodiment of Bolton's era of function over form and the driving force behind the most unlikely international triumph of all time, not to mention a very expensive shirt to have printed; he made Ronaldo cry so he is, by default, one of my favourite players.



9) NICOLAS ANELKA

Have you ever seen the footage of Anelka training by himself at the Bernabéu, utterly and completely alone? One small figure dodging through corner flags he placed there himself to hammer a ball into an unguarded net in front of 85,000 empty seats? Was there a more

potent expression of his career than that? Somebody at the top of their game at the World's top club in the process of winning The Game's top honour, who is so obnoxious that the most pampered individuals of all time won't even practice in the same postal district.



10) ROGER HUNT

The ball bounced and he turned away with his arms in the air. Cue four decades of irritating blather and uncertainty. If he had just followed up on that July 30 afternoon and headed the blooming thing into the net there would be no doubt. What was he thinking?

11) JASON MCATEER

Head & Shoulders - that is all.





THEM AND US



CHRIS QUINN TALKS TO FORMER BLUES AND BOLTON STRIKER BOB HATTON

Having played alongside footballing luminaries such as Trevor Francis and Francis Lee and boasted an impressive ratio of a goal every 2.9 games for Blues, it is safe to suggest Bob Hatton is well-versed in the art of being a striker. So it's encouraging to hear him talk with such enthusiasm about the club's latest acquisition, a fellow frontman in Leroy Lita signed on a three-month loan deal from Swansea last week, whilst also reserving praise for Marlon King and Nikola Zigic.

"Hopefully, Lita can score some goals for us – he's done it in the past. If he

can click, then between now and the rest of the season we should go well," the legendary marksman told Blues News. "The key is getting a blend up front. King did well last season and scored 18 goals and that speaks for itself; he's prolific. Zigic is also a very difficult player to play against."

As well as turning out alongside a few superstars, Hatton was under the guidance of the legendary Nat Lofthouse during his time with today's visitors Bolton Wanderers. Bob explained: "When I signed they had Nat as first-team coach. He was a much respected England international and it was great for me to learn from someone like him. They had Francis Lee too and Eddie Hopkinson, the England goalkeeper, so we had a very

decent team. We seemed to get a decent blend right through the team and a good side with some very honest players and good ability."

Hatton started his career a little further up the M6 at Wolverhampton Wanderers but left the club to join The Trotters after seeing minimal first-team football, despite a good scoring record. He admitted: "I think I was quite ambitious as a young lad, I wanted to get on and make something of myself and I did well and scored eight goals in 11 or 12 matches. But I was in and out the side and I thought I should have been playing every week, which was daft in hindsight. But, Bolton came along and I signed for them.

"I didn't do very well there at all, I struggled like mad. I didn't score the goals I wanted to. I was bought to replace Wyn Davies. He was an old-fashioned Welsh centre-forward and very good in the air. I wasn't the player they were looking for and things didn't really happen for me. I scored a couple of goals on my home debut but afterwards things dried up for me."

Hatton left Lancashire after a solitary season to sign for Northampton Town and latterly Carlisle United but was soon on his way to Birmingham, signing for a then club-record fee of £80,000, much to the delight of the man himself. "I came from Carlisle for £80k and I was very happy to sign for Blues," he recalled. "They are a big city club and we were halfway up the league when I joined. Fortunately, I struck up a good partnership with Trevor and Bob (Latchford) and we secured promotion at the end of the season.



Bob pictured in action for Carlisle competing for the ball with Blues defender Garry Pendrey ahead of his switch to St. Andrew's.

“They had a reputation as being the best and most vocal away supporters in the league – they were terrific and we were glad to please them.”

“The fee wasn’t a burden at all. As prices were at the time, £80k was a lot of money. I was very lucky, I joined the club and started scoring goals and won the supporters over fairly quickly. We did well, we had a decent side.”

However, that season also saw Blues knocked out in the semi-final of the FA Cup – something Hatton would twice experience during his spell in the Midlands. “We played Leeds in the semi-final at Hillsborough,” he said. “They were a terrific side and were the better team on the day and deserved to win. We put up a decent show, but overall it was a good season for us – I was quite happy with the way things went.”

That cup heartbreak was somewhat eased by promotion at the end of the campaign, sending Blues into what was then known as the old First Division. Hatton was quick to pay tribute to the support the St. Andrew’s faithful had given them throughout the campaign and is hopeful a similar atmosphere can be recreated in the future.

“Promotion is always fantastic, the supporters were happy and we wanted to please them,” he admitted. “They always created a fantastic atmosphere for us at St. Andrew’s. They had a reputation as being the best and most vocal away supporters in the league – they were terrific and we were glad to please them.



Bob resplendent in the 1970s penguin kit.

“The first season in the First Division we did well to survive. It was good and the gates were averaging around 35,000 at home games in the early 1970s. The potential is there for big crowds again. If we started to do really well and got back to the Premier League, I’m sure we’d be getting 30,000 a week. The support is there, we just need to entice some of them back.”

Hatton is still a regular attendee at St. Andrew’s, bringing along his avid Bluenose grandson, and often does commercial work for the Former Players’ Association. “I’m trying to bring him up properly and get him to support the Blues,” he said of his grandson.

He also keeps an eye on the Trotters’ results and feels that both teams are in with a chance of gaining promotion this season: “Blues haven’t found their balance and fluidity of last season, but we also started slowly last term. Hopefully the guys can persevere and work hard to become a team and then we could have some real success.

“The expectation of promotion is high at both clubs, but no team has the divine right to go up. They’ve got to work hard – the stakes are fantastic, if they could get up to the Premier League then the financial rewards for everyone at both clubs are enormous. I don’t know what the bookies say, but they should both be in the top five when the season ends. After ten



Bob on his Blues debut going in for a challenge with Burnley’s Leighton James at Turf Moor in October 1971.

or 12 matches things should settle down and we will be able to get an idea as to who will be the promotion contenders. Blues could really do (financially) with top-flight football. It’s up to the lads, if they want it bad enough then collectively no one will be able to stop them.”

Despite being a part of one of the best sides in Birmingham City history, the team of the 70s was unable to win a major trophy. This still rankles with Hatton, but he was delighted that the supporters got their long overdue success with the 2011 Carling Cup victory: “They were good times. Every time I meet the older echelons of Blues supporters, they talk about the side from the 70s with really fond memories. So, it was a fantastic achievement (to win the Carling Cup) and I was so pleased that the supporters had some payback for all their loyalty over the years.”

Despite the indifferent start to the campaign, Hatton is backing manager Lee Clark to rectify Blues’ fortunes and again urged the fans to get behind the team and make St. Andrew’s the fortress of old. He continued: “Let’s hope the manager, who hasn’t had time to put his seal on the team, can make a big impression with the lads and get them motivated. They’ve got to motivate themselves as professionals, but they need to build a team spirit. With the crowd cheering them on, they could quite easily do it.”

TEN-UOUS LINKS

Wizards are the main focus of the books
by JK Rowling featuring Harry Potter

Blues player Jonathan
Spector's granddad was
Art Spector, a professional
basketball player in the NBA



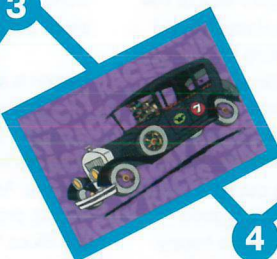
Harry Potter went to
Hogwarts School where
he played Quidditch, a
game involving flying
around on a broomstick

The NBA has basketball teams
across America including LA
Lakers, Chicago Bulls and
Washington Wizards

Ants are insects that you would
find living in an anthill



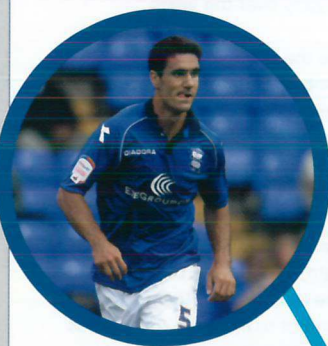
Blues midfielder Keith Fahey
has the middle name Declan



The Anthill Mob were
characters in the cartoon
Wacky Races along with
Dastardly and Mutley and
Penelope Pitstop

Declan Donnelly is better known
as one half of Geordie duo
Ant and Dec

Germany is bordered by nine
countries in Europe including
Belgium, France and Switzerland



Cuckoos make
their homes in other
birds' nests

Blues defender Pablo Ibanez
played for Spain at the 2006
World Cup in Germany

Switzerland is famous for, amongst other
things, Roger Federer, chocolate and
Cuckoo clocks

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A broomstick is something a cleaner would use along with cloths, dusters and polish

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A good pair of running shoes are essential for athletes who are running long distances

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The biggest half marathon in the UK is the Great North Run which is held annually in Newcastle

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Newcastle United is one of the former clubs of Jean-Alain Boumsong, who is the cousin of Bolton's French striker David Ngog

The most common long distance running race is a marathon but for those wanting an easier challenge they could run a half marathon

8



Polish is what you would use to clean a pair of shoes

6



A formula is a solution to a problem you find at school in maths or science

6



Ships are what forms part of the fleet of the Royal Navy along with submarines and other heavy artillery

8



Arsenal was the first club of Bolton defender Zat Knight

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Another name for artillery in the armed forces is an arsenal



7

Science fiction often includes subjects such as aliens, space travel and spaceships

5

A pit stop is what racing car drivers have to do when they need to change tyres during a Formula 1 race

Restaurants are where you would find celebrity chefs including Marco Pierre White and Jamie Oliver

6



The Killers are a band from Las Vegas, Nevada

8



Oliver Stone is a film director whose films include Born on the 4th of July, Platoon and Natural Born Killers

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Bird's nest soup is a dish you would find on a menu in a Chinese restaurant

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The Olympic Great Britain football squad in London this summer featured Bolton striker Marvin Sordell

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Nevada is one of the 50 states of the USA as is Georgia, which staged the Olympics in 1996 in Atlanta



MEMORY MATCH

Blues' Facebook followers have been busy recounting their recollections of past meetings with tonight's visitors Bolton Wanderers. Here are just some of the memories...



ROAD TO REEBOK

The first away game I attended on my own was the trip to Reebok in October 2003 - I had only passed my driving test on the previous Thursday! Awful weather heading up to Bolton, I put £2 on Forsell to score first goal and Blues to win 1-0. It won me £60 which as a 17-year-old was quite a bit of cash!

James Brewerton

PICTURE PERFECT

I remember avidly reading the Sunday Mercury report of the first match of the 1967/68 season - Blues 4 Bolton 0 - and seeing a picture of Trevor Hockey lying face down on the pitch watching his put go sailing into the net! I remember being so disappointed at not having been able to go and just from that photo I knew - that's the team for me, and so it has been ever since! I had to wait until the next home fixture to attend my first game - a goalless draw against Ipswich!

Phil Jones

TRAVELLING HORDES

Bolton 1 Birmingham 1 on 30 April 1994 - an away game for me as a 14-year-old. We went into the match on a winning streak battling to stay up. We bossed the game totally and should have won. We must have taken 7,000 to 8,000 fans to the now demolished Burnden Park that day. Great memories!

Phil Jones

JOE'S EXIT

Super Joe Hart's last game at the end of the 2009/10 season with 5,000 Bluenoses having the time of our lives - even though the police didn't allow us to drink! At the end of the game Mr Hart practically stripped naked to throw all his kit into the Blues fans. And, wait for it... I caught his right boot! And it's still got the laces tied and untouched! And no, I'm not selling it!

Mitchell Greenwood

Joe Hart and Pammy was my highlight!

Joe Sutton



WYLIE DECISION

My first Blues game was on 25 March 1969 and I was seven. For some reason I liked Birmingham, despite my family being Villa supporters. My dad wouldn't take me to St. Andrew's because he said he didn't know where the ground was! We subsequently met Blues skipper Ron Wylie at a social event. Having heard the 'don't know where the ground is' story and being injured himself, Ron offered to take me to a game. I was invited into the dressing room, got the players' autographs and saw the disturbing sight of Trevor Hockey reading the programme in his underpants! We won 5-0 with Phil Summerill getting a hat-trick. Ron Wylie took me home - I was a fan for life. Dad had to get us season tickets after that!

Ian Belcher





A TWEET TO WHO?

TOP TEN TWEETS OF THE WEEK

Here is a selection of what Bluenoses have been talking about on Twitter (@bcfcdotcom) over the last couple of weeks...

@chickenrubby: "looking online at what football matches i can go to in the uk in october? #bcfc @BcfcDotCom"

@twelvty: "@BcfcDotCom #bcfc CAN WE GET STEVEN CARR TO JOIN TWITTER PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE"



Twitter plea to the skipper

@Uncutenergy: "We're Birmingham we're Birmingham we're Birmingham City @BcfcDotCom @birmcitylfc"

@KronikBluenose: "Good showing by the Blues today. Keep it up and add another trophy to the collection! @BcfcDotCom #KRO"

@louisehopson: "@LeroyLita8 Welcome to @BcfcDotCom can't wait to see you in action for us! #bcfc #KRO"

@JonPriddey: "3,000th tweet! Dedicating it to @BcfcDotCom as usual, my future wife @RitaOra and my new team @Giants"

@RhysHype: "Sun is shining in the sky... @BcfcDotCom"

@blake2108: "@BcfcDotCom Great start to the season for the blues. Bring on Saturday and Charlton. #BCFC #KRO"

@MyNoseisBlue: "I adore you. RT @Keith_Fahey: Im back in full train on Monday !!!!!!!!!!! #AbsolutelyBuzzin @FAIreland @BcfcDotCom"



Good news from Keith

@3_News: "Nice one Keith, welcome back! RT @Keith_Fahey Im back in full train on Monday !!!!!!!!!!! #AbsolutelyBuzzin @FAIreland @BcfcDotCom"

@regobbcwm: "@BcfcDotCom have done some good business getting Leroy Lita in on loan for three months!"



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TALKING BLUE

FANS' BLOG

By Arun Verma

Myself and many other Bluenoses were left devastated by the news that club captain Stephen Carr was to miss the next six months, having had a recent knee operation. Since his retirement u-turn, in February 2009, Carr has played over 100 games for the club, leading many to question

why he ever considered retirement in the first case. The ever-reliable right-back, who made his debut for Tottenham Hotspur in September 1993, has been every inch the ideal sportsman throughout his playing career. Through his partnerships with Seb Larsson, and more recently,

Chris Burke, Carr has shown an incredible adaptability, strength and determination. When the chips are down, you can always count on the Blues skipper to push the team forward with his lung-busting runs up-field. What a player! Best wishes to him during his recovery period.

They simply asked for the truth. Twenty-three years after the worst disaster in English football history, the truth was finally revealed on a day that will never be forgotten by the families of the 96. The story of Hillsborough has been told over and over by police officers, journalists and fans, each with differing accounts of what happened on that day. What we do know is that 96 innocent football fans lost their lives on 15 April 1989, and, if it wasn't for human error, many of those lives could have been saved.

Many questions have been raised in recent days. How could the police not react in such ways? Why were Liverpool fans even put in the Leppings Lane End, when the

opposite terrace could hold more supporters? Why were ambulances not allowed on the pitch? Why did West Midlands Police not notice that over 160 witness statements had been tampered with? So many questions, and until now, there have been so few answers.

The story of Hillsborough has been as tragic as it has been horrific. No football fan should go to a football ground and not return. Football is a pastime. It should be about a common passion and desire to watch the beautiful game. However, far too often we have seen football fans at each other's throats, with malicious and vile chants as the order of the day. However, as Sir Alex Ferguson wished last week, this may be the

turning point. This weekend we heard chants of 'Justice for the 96' across the country, in what was a fitting moment between members of the football fraternity.

Now is the time for change. You can't change the past but you can most definitely change the future. There is talk of further investigations into the behaviour of the emergency services. While this would be welcomed by all, it is also the perfect moment for football fans to band together and create a brighter future.

As one commentator said, now we have been given the truth, it's time for justice - for the fans, for the game, for the families and for the 96.



A banner is held aloft by fans at Anfield.



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Saturday 22nd September Kick-off 5.20pm

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Adults	from just £16	Age 13-18	from just £7
Concessions	from just £10*	Under 13's	from just £5

Please note: These prices are available up until 9am on matchday. From 9am on Saturday 22nd September tickets will increase by the following amount in all areas: **Adults £5.00, Concessions £3.00, Age 13-18 £3.00, Under 13 £2.00, Family Package 1 £5.00, Family Package 2 £10.00**

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VS BRIGHTON

Saturday 29th September Kick-off 5.30pm

Tickets are now on general sale:

Adults	£28	Under 18's	£14
Concessions (over 65)	£20	Under 16's	£7

Please note: The Club has been supplied with an initial allocation of approximately 2000 tickets for this fixture, and is strictly **ALL TICKET** for supporters. On no account will tickets be sold on the day of the game. Blues fans can purchase a match ticket for this fixture up until 3pm on Friday 28th September 2012 from the Kop Ticket Office at St. Andrew's.

Travel details and prices to the Amex Stadium

Official coach travel is available for this game from the visitor's Car Park at St. Andrew's Stadium to the City Ground and back. **Coaches will depart at: 12.00pm. Prices as follows:**

Season Ticket Holders	Non Season Ticket Holders
Adults £18, Concessions £16*	Adults £20, Concessions £18*

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Sunday Closed (unless there is a home game on that day)

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Away



CARDIFF CITY

Tuesday 2nd October Kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets on general sale from 9am Monday 24th September:

Adults	£23	Age 16-21	£16
Concessions (over 60)	£16	Under 16's	£14

Family Area: Adults £18, Under 16's £5, Family Ticket (2 Adults & 2 Children under 16) £41**

Please note: The Club has been supplied with an initial allocation of approximately 1125 tickets for this fixture, and is strictly ALL TICKET for supporters. Blues fans can purchase a match ticket for this fixture up until 12pm on Tuesday 2nd October 2012 from the Kop Ticket Office at St. Andrew's.

** The Family Area is a newly appointed section and sales in this section should be to families or adults who are accompanying children. Please ask for an information pack from a member of the Ticket Office team to ensure that you have the best experience during the fixture. Family Area tickets cannot be purchased online.

Travel details and prices to the Cardiff City Stadium

Official coach travel is available for this game from the visitor's Car Park at St. Andrew's Stadium to the City Ground and back. **Coaches will depart at: 3.00pm. Prices as follows:**

Season Ticket Holders

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Non Season Ticket Holders

Adults £18, Concessions £16*

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Saturday 6th October Kick-off 3.00pm

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1	Blackburn	5	2	0	0	3	1	1	2	0	9	7	4	11
2	Blackpool	5	2	0	0	8	1	1	1	1	3	2	8	10
3	Brighton	5	2	1	0	8	1	1	0	1	3	2	8	10
4	Hull City	5	3	0	0	8	2	0	1	1	0	1	5	10
5	Cardiff	5	3	0	0	6	2	0	1	1	2	4	2	10
6	Nott'm Forest	5	2	1	0	5	3	0	2	0	3	3	2	9
7	Middlesbrough	5	3	0	0	7	3	0	0	2	1	4	1	9
8	Huddersfield	5	2	1	0	4	1	0	1	1	2	3	2	8
9	Leeds	5	1	1	0	4	3	1	0	2	4	5	0	7
10	Wolverhampton	5	2	1	0	6	3	0	0	2	1	4	0	7
11	Bolton	5	2	1	0	6	3	0	0	2	1	5	-1	7
12	Sheffield Wed	5	2	0	0	6	4	0	1	2	3	7	-2	7
13	Barnsley	5	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	2	2	8	-4	7
14	Bristol City	5	2	0	1	11	8	0	0	2	0	2	1	6
15	Burnley	5	2	0	1	8	5	0	0	2	2	5	0	6
16	Leicester	5	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	3	6	0	6
17	Millwall	5	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	2	5	8	-3	6
18	Watford	5	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	5	9	-3	6
19	Crystal Palace	5	1	0	1	4	4	1	0	2	3	6	-3	6
20	Derby	5	1	1	0	7	3	0	1	2	1	4	1	5
21	Charlton	5	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	5
22	Birmingham	5	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	4	7	-2	5
23	Ipswich	5	0	2	0	3	3	1	0	2	1	8	-7	5
24	Peterborough	5	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	3	2	8	-8	0

SQUAD STATS

NAME	DOB	DATE SIGNED	FROM	2012/13 Apps/Goals	BCFC TOTAL Apps/Goals
Darren Ambrose	29/02/84	13/07/12	C Palace	5/1	5/1
Akwasi Asante	06/09/92	01/07/09	Trainee	0/0	01(0)
Chris Burke	02/12/83	09/06/11	Cardiff City	6/0	61(7)/14
Jack Butland	10/03/93	11/03/10	Trainee	5/0	5/0
Paul Caddis	19/04/88	31/08/12	Swindon (loan)	2/0	2/0
Steven Caldwell	12/09/80	07/07/11	Wigan Ath	7/1	58(1)/1
Stephen Carr	29/08/76	23/02/09	Unattached	0/0	12(1)/0
Curtis Davies	15/03/85	28/01/11	Aston Villa	5/0	62(4)/6
Jack Dearnan	17/05/93	31/08/11	Wrexham	0/0	0/0
Colin Doyle	12/08/85	01/07/03	Trainee	1/0	46(5)/0
Wade Elliott	14/12/78	31/08/11	Burnley	2(2)/1	28(16)/6
Keith Fahey	15/01/83	01/01/09	St. Patricks	0(1)/0	103(33)/9
Ben Gordon	02/03/91	10/08/12	Chelsea (loan)	2/0	2/0
Morgaro Gomis	14/07/85	16/07/11	Dundee Utd	1(3)/0	21(7)/0
Mitch Hancox	09/11/93	26/05/12	Trainee	0/0	0/0
Pablo Ibanez	03/08/81	31/08/11	WBA	2(1)/0	19(7)/0
Jake Jervis	17/09/91	01/07/07	Trainee	0/0	0(3)/0
Marlon King	26/04/80	10/06/11	Coventry City	7/3	48(8)/21
Leroy Lita	28/12/84	08/09/12	Swansea (loan)	1/0	1/0
Peter Lovenkrands	29/01/80	09/07/12	Newcastle	5(1)/2	5(1)/2
David Lucas	23/11/77	10/07/12	Rochdale	1/0	1/0
Ravel Morrison	02/02/93	06/08/12	West Ham (loan)	2(1)/0	21(1)/0
Hayden Mullins	23/07/79	12/07/12	Portsmouth	7/1	7/1
David Murphy	01/03/84	16/01/08	Hibernian	5/0	102(15)/11
Nathan Redmond	06/03/94	01/07/09	Trainee	2(5)/0	18(29)/7
Adam Rooney	21/04/88	30/06/11	Inverness CT	0(1)/0	17(13)/7
Jonathan Spector	01/03/86	02/08/11	West Ham	5/1	50(2)/1
Will Packwood	21/05/93	07/07/11	Trainee	2/0	2/0
Nikola Zigic	25/09/80	26/05/10	Valencia	1(2)/2	45(35)/22

TONIGHT'S NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

BLUES V BOLTON

19:45

Blackburn v Barnsley

19:45

Blackpool v Middlesbrough

19:45

Crystal Palace V Nottm Forest

20:00

Derby v Charlton

19:45

Leeds v Hull

19:45

Millwall v Cardiff

19:45

Peterborough v Bristol City

19:45

Watford v Brighton

19:45

TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19)

Ipswich v Wolves

19:45

Leicester V Burnley

19:45

Sheff Wed V Huddersfield

19:45

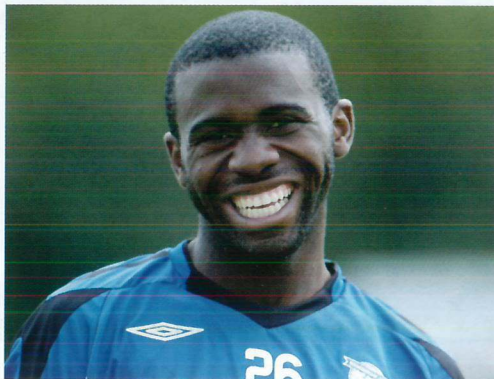


STATS

2012/2013

DATE	OPPOSITION	TIME	SCORE	POS	ATT	AWAY	REF	STARTING ELEVEN
TUE AUG 14	BARNET (CAP1)	H 7.45pm	5-1	-	9,905	383	L.Collins	Lucas Packwood Davies Caldwell ¹
SAT AUG 18	CHARLTON	H 3.00pm	1-1	12	18,210	1,637	G.Sutton	Butland Packwood Davies Caldwell
TUE AUG 21	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	A 7.45pm	2-3	19	25,379	1,451	G.Eltringham	Butland Spector Davies Caldwell
SAT AUG 25	WATFORD	A 5.20pm	0-2	22	11,072	849	K.Stroud	Butland Spector Davies Caldwell
TUE AUG 28	COVENTRY CITY (CAP2)	A 7.45pm	2-3	-	10,859	3,859	D.Whitestone	Doyle Spector ¹ Davies Caldwell
SAT SEP 1	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H 3.00pm	1-0	21	14,929	629	G.Ward	Butland Caddis Ibanez Caldwell
SAT SEP 15	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	A 3.00pm	2-2	21	22,738	2,021	M Halsey	Butland Caddis Ibanez Caldwell
TUE SEP 18	BOLTON WANDERERS	H 7.45pm						
SAT SEP 22	BARNLEY	H 5.20pm						
SAT SEP 29	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	A 5.30pm						
TUE OCT 2	CARDIFF CITY	A 7.45pm						
SAT OCT 6	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H 3.00pm						
SAT OCT 20	LEICESTER CITY	H 3.00pm						
TUE OCT 23	MILLWALL	A 7.45pm						
SAT OCT 27	LEEDS UNITED	A 3.00pm						
SAT NOV 3	IPSWICH TOWN	H 3.00pm						
TUE NOV 6	BRISTOL CITY	H 7.45pm						
SAT NOV 10	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A 3.00pm						
SAT NOV 17	HULL CITY	H 3.00pm						
SAT NOV 24	DERBY COUNTY	A 5.20pm						
TUE NOV 27	BLACKPOOL	A 7.45pm						
SAT DEC 1	MIDDLESBROUGH	H 3.00pm						
SAT DEC 8	WOLVERHAMPTON W	A 3.00pm						
SAT DEC 15	CRYSTAL PALACE	H 3.00pm						
SAT DEC 22	BURNLEY	H 3.00pm						
WED DEC 26	BARNLEY	A 3.00pm						
SAT DEC 29	BOLTON WANDERERS	A 3.00pm						
SAT JAN 1	CARDIFF CITY	H 3.00pm						
SAT JAN 5	FAC 3							
SAT JAN 12	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A 3.00pm						
SAT JAN 19	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H 3.00pm						
SAT JAN 26	BURNLEY	A 3.00pm						
SAT FEB 2	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H 3.00pm						
SAT FEB 9	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	A 3.00pm						
SAT FEB 16	WATFORD	H 3.00pm						
TUE FEB 19	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H 7.45pm						
SAT FEB 23	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	A 3.00pm						
SAT MAR 2	HULL CITY	A 3.00pm						
TUE MAR 5	BLACKPOOL	H 7.45pm						
SAT MAR 9	DERBY COUNTY	H 3.00pm						
SAT MAR 16	MIDDLESBROUGH	A 3.00pm						
SAT MAR 30	CRYSTAL PALACE	A 3.00pm						
MON APR 1	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	H 3.00pm						
SAT APR 6	MILLWALL	H 3.00pm						
SAT APR 13	LEICESTER CITY	A 3.00pm						
TUE APR 16	BRISTOL CITY	A 7.45pm						
SAT APR 20	LEEDS UNITED	H 3.00pm						
SAT APR 27	IPSWICH TOWN	A 3.00pm						
SAT MAY 4	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H 3.00pm						

GUEST OF HONOUR



We welcome a special guest of honour to this evening's match in the form of ex-Blues favourite Fabrice Muamba. The England under-21 ace was forced to announce his retirement from the game last month as a result of the cardiac arrest he suffered on the pitch whilst playing for tonight's visitors Bolton in an FA Cup tie at Tottenham back in March. He spent a month in hospital but stunned doctors with his amazing recovery. Despite the midfielder's initial wish to resume his career, experts warned him that returning to action could put too much strain on his heart and it was not worth the risk.

"While the news is devastating I have much to be thankful for. I thank God I am alive," commented the midfielder, after he rightly decided that his health must

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KEY

Sub 1
Sub 2
Sub 3
Booked
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SUBSTITUTES

Murphy	Burke ■	Mullins	Morrison ■	Ambrose ¹	Lovenkrands ¹	King ¹
Murphy	Burke	Mullins	Morrison ■	Ambrose	Lovenkrands ■	King
Murphy	Burke	Mullins ■	Redmond	Ambrose	Elliott ■	King ¹
Gordon ■	Burke	Mullins	Redmond	Ambrose ■	Zigic ■	King
Gordon ■	Burke	Mullins ■	Gomis ■	Ambrose	Lovenkrands ■¹	King
Murphy ■	Burke	Mullins	Spector	Elliott ¹	Lovenkrands ■	King
Murphy	Burke ■	Mullins ¹	Spector	Lovenkrands ■	Lita ■	King ¹

Gomis ■	Elliott ■¹	Redmond ■	Ibanez	Rooney	Zigic	Doyle
Spector ■	Redmond ■	Zigic ■¹	Ibanez	Elliott	Rooney	Doyle
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Redmond ■	Gomis ■	Packwood	Hancox	Morrison	Asante	Doyle
Elliott ■	Redmond ■	Fahey ■	Davies	Morrison	Zigic	Doyle

come first. "I pay tribute again to the medical team who never gave up on me. I am blessed to have support of my family and friends."

Muamba was a highly popular member of the Blues squad for two seasons, clocking up 79 appearances and scoring two goals, and was part of the side that won promotion to the top flight in 2007. Everybody associated with the club now wishes Fabrice well in the next chapter of his life.

Welcome back to St. Andrew's, Fab!

CARNEY EYES EURO PROGRESS

Birmingham City Ladies star Karen Carney hopes Banks's Stadium will be the venue where the nation's increasing love for women's football will continue to flourish. England ace Carney was a key member of the Team GB women's squad at London 2012 and she was delighted to see bumper crowds at all their matches – in Cardiff, Wembley and Coventry. But now her focus has shifted from the Olympics to the European Championship, as England prepare to take on Croatia in Walsall

tomorrow night (5pm kick-off) and a victory for Hope Powell's side will seal their place at Euro 2013.

Carney said: "The Olympics was the best experience of my life. The whole country got behind us and the women's tournament in general and I think we helped to change a lot of people's perception of women's football. I think that shows how much the game has progressed. The Olympics proved that women's football has got a really big following in this country so I'd like to think that we'd get a good crowd at Walsall.

She added: "It's a really important game for us. If we win it we qualify for the Euros and that would be another opportunity for us to promote women's football, so a big crowd at Walsall could help us do that."

European Championship qualification is clearly Carney's focal point, but on a personal note the Birmingham-born bag of tricks is relishing the chance to play for England so close to home. "Walsall is just up the M6 from me so it's great for me to be playing for my country so close to where I live," she

said. "I have played there twice before. It's a great stadium, they've got a great pitch and I'm looking forward to going there again. Hopefully we can get the three points - we need to make it to the Euros."



Tickets for tomorrow's game are priced £5 for adults and £2.50 for U16s and over 65s. U12s are free with an accompanying adult.

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Luciano Becchio	Leeds	4	1	5
Thomas Ince	Blackpool	4	0	4
Craig Mackail-Smith	Brighton	4	0	4
Charlie Austin	Burnley	2	2	4
Craig Davies	Barnsley	2	1	3
Chris O'Grady	Sheff Wed	1	2	3
Martyn Woolford	Bristol City	3	0	3
Jake Buxton	Derby	1	2	3
Jermaine Johnson	Sheff Wed	2	1	3

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Ashton Gate	Bristol City	2	11	5.50
Pride Park Stadium	Derby	2	10	5.00
Hillsborough	Sheff Wed	2	10	5.00
Bloomfield Road	Blackpool	2	9	4.50
Riverside Stadium	Middlesbro	2	8	4.00
Selhurst Park	Crystal Pal	2	8	4.00
Elland Road	Leeds	2	7	3.50
Molineux Stadium	Wolves	2	6	3.00
Portman Road	Ipswich	2	6	3.00
London Road Ground	Peterboro	2	6	3.00
Amex Stadium	Brighton	2	6	3.00
Reebok Stadium	Bolton	2	6	3.00
The Den	Millwall	2	6	3.00
Turf Moor	Burnley	2	6	3.00
The KC Stadium	Hull	2	5	2.50
Cardiff City Stadium	Cardiff	2	5	2.50
The City Ground	N Forest	2	4	2.00
Ewood Park	Blackburn	2	4	2.00
John Smith's Stad	Huddersfield	2	4	2.00
St Andrews	Birmingham	2	3	1.50
Vicarage Road Stad	Watford	2	3	1.50
The King Power Stad	Leicester	2	3	1.50
The Valley	Charlton	2	3	1.50
Oakwell Stadium	Barnsley	2	2	1.00

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..

shots on target 30 Derby. **shots off target** 33 Brighton. **corners** 38 Leicester. **hit woodwork** 8 Bristol City. **offsides** 16 Blackpool. **fouls** 61 Leeds. **yellow cards** 10 Nottm Forest. **red cards** 1 Barnsley.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..

Shots 18 Craig Davies (Barnsley). **Shots on target** 10 Jamie Ward (Derby). **Shots off target** 8 Thomas Ince (Blackpool). **Assists** 4 Jamie Ward (Derby). **Crosses** 14 James Henry (Millwall). **Offsides** 9 Michael Chopra (Ipswich). **Fouls** 12 Dickson Etuhu (Blackburn). **Free-kicks won** 15 Lee Martin (Ipswich).

PRESS ASSOCIATION Sport

2012/13 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER

141

RIGHT FOOT

76 goals

53.9%

LEFT FOOT

35 goals

24.8%

HEADERS

22 goals

15.6%

Own goals 5 (3.5%), Other body part 3 (0.3%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

G Murray (Crystal Palace vs Sheff Wed) 0:54

By a substitute after coming on

Luke Williams (Middlesbrough vs Burnley) 3:49

DISCIPLINARY



2.9 cards per match



0.0 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

Kevin Davies (Bolton vs Nottm Forest) 0:34

By a substitute after coming on

Ross Wallace (Burnley vs Brighton) 2:29

SUB TOTALS

Subs used 246

Offsides 213

Corners 555

Shots Off Target 517

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

0

2

5

RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

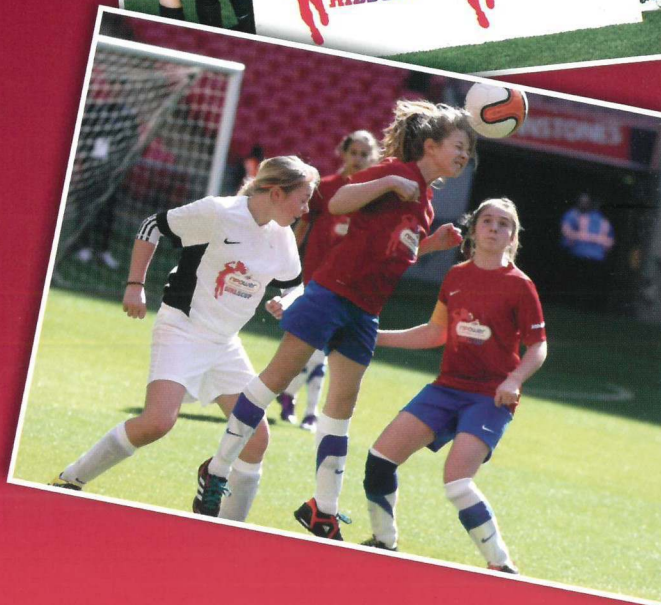
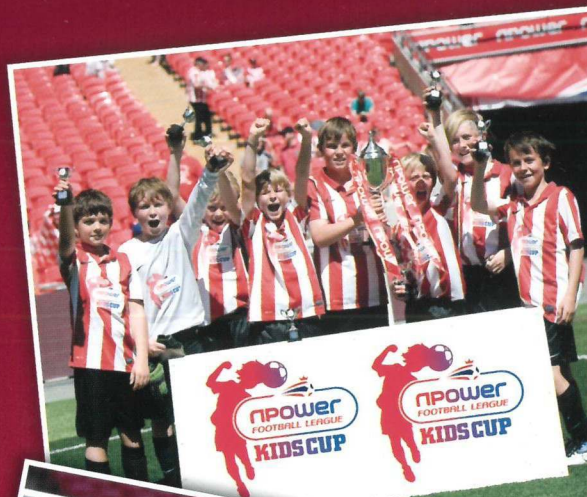
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JACK BUTLAND	1	■	■	1	ADAM BOGDAN
STEPHEN CARR	2	■	■	2	TYRONE MEARS
DAVID MURPHY	3	■	■	3	MARCOS ALONSO
STEVEN CALDWELL	4	■	■	4	MATT MILLS
PABLO IBANEZ	5	■	■	5	TIM REAM
CURTIS DAVIES	6	■	■	7	CHRIS EAGLES
CHRIS BURKE	7	■	■	8	KEITH ANDREWS
HAYDEN MULLINS	8	■	■	9	DAVID N'GOG
MARLON KING	9	■	■	10	MARTIN PETROV
DARREN AMBROSE	10	■	■	11	GREGG WYLDE
PETER LOVENKRANDS	11	■	■	12	ZAT KNIGHT
RAVEL MORRISON	12	■	■	14	KEVIN DAVIES
COLIN DOYLE	13	■	■	16	MARK DAVIES
MORGARO GOMIS	14	■	■	17	BENIK AFOBE
WADE ELLIOTT	15	■	■	18	SAM RICKETTS
BEN GORDON	16	■	■	19	MARVIN SORDELL
KEITH FAHEY	18	■	■	20	JAY SPEARING
NIKOLA ZIGIC	19	■	■	21	DARREN PRATLEY
AKWASI ASANTE	21	■	■	22	STUART HOLDEN
NATHAN REDMOND	22	■	■	23	JOE RILEY
JONATHAN SPECTOR	23	■	■	24	ANDY LONERGAN
WILL PACKWOOD	24	■	■	25	JOSH VELA
JACK DEAMAN	25	■	■	26	ROBERT LAINTON
DAVID LUCAS	26	■	■	27	CHUNG-YONG LEE
MITCH HANCOX	27	■	■	28	ANDY KELLETT
PAUL CADDIS	28	■	■	30	MICHAEL O'HALLORAN
LEROY LITA	29	■	■	31	DAVID WHEATER

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE: CARL BOYESON

ASSISTANT 01 (RED-YELLOW FLAG): STEVEN COPELAND

ASSISTANT 02 (YELLOW FLAG): RICHARD WIGGLESWORTH

FOURTH OFFICIAL: DECLAN FORD

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BLUES V BARNLEY

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SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2012

KICK-OFF: 5.20PM

